

The Committee of the Whole on the Budget met on Thursday – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6pm with the meeting being held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was presided over by Councilor Anthony DiPierro.

Members present were Councilors Irene Cardillo, Richard Dell Isola, Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon, Alfred Lattanzi, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins, Wayne Matewsky, Vic Nguyen and Stephanie Smith. Member absent was Councilor Jimmy Le.

This Budget meeting was video- taped by ECTV and is available on the City website for the record.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas and Budget Director Lauren Chapman were present at this meeting.

The Committee of the Whole for the City Council met pursuant to Section 6-4 of the City Charter to take the appropriate action on the FY23 Operating Budget.

Councilor Lattanzi announced at the start of the meeting that he had been advised by Legal Counsel not to participate in any budget deliberations with those City Departments in which he has done business with and he informed the Committee that he would comply and leave the Council Chambers when those respective Departments appear before the Committee.

The Committee commenced the meeting with the FY23 School budget presentation, representing the School Department were Chief Financial Officer of Schools Anu Jayanth and School Committee Chairperson Jeanne Cristiano. Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Ms. Jayanth provided the Committee with an introduction and overview of the proposed \$108,709,294.00 FY23 School budget and proceeded to provide the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the budget which focused on the overcrowding in the current schools and the need for more space as well as the School Departments priorities for academics and testing. The Committee discussed per pupil spending, enrollment projections, the hiring of 71 new positions, outside contractors, demographics, student-teacher ratios, Special education and transportation, City chargebacks, incorporating electrical & plumbing into the trades programs and net school spending. Chairperson DiPierro asked Ms. Jayanth if she could provide the Committee with a cost breakdown of all the consultants the School Department has contracts with which Ms. Jayanth agreed to provide at a later date. The Committee excused the invited guests but offered no recommendation on the proposed **\$108,709,294.00** School budget.

The Committee then proceeded to interview the smaller Departments in the City, and examined each of these Department's budget, line item by line item. The following representatives of each Department were present for these proceedings:



- 1) Jeanne Cristiano, Veterans
- 2) Kevin Sheehan, Library
- 3) Matt Lattanzi, Planning & Development
- 4) Jay Monty, Transportation
- 5) Robert Moreschi, Purchasing
- 6) Bernard Devereux, Assessor
- 7) Chad Luongo, 311/Constituent Services
- 8) Kevin Dorgan, Information Technology
- 9) Danielle Pietrantonio, Elections & City Clerk
- 10) John Hanlon/Mike Mangan, City Council

CFO Eric Demas represented ECTV and the City Solicitors office in the presentation of those Department budgets.

It was noted that these combined Departments present at this meeting would be returning approximately \$717,600.00 in unspent funding. It was further noted that there were also 10 funded but unfilled positions in the budget with 5 being in Constituent Services, 3 in City Clerk's office and 2 in the Library.

At this meeting the following cuts were recommended and passed:

- Councilor Smith recommended that \$950 be cut from the Assistant City Clerk's Longevity Account #01-161-1-5143 which passed on an 8-1 vote.
- Councilor Martins recommended that \$900 be cut from the City Council Longevity account #01-111-1-5143 which passed on an 8-1 vote.
- Councilor Smith recommended that \$11,000 be cut from the City Council Reimbursable Expenses #01-111-2-5785 which passed on an 9-0 vote.

All voting records for these proposed cuts are attached.

The Committee recommended that these Department budgets including the proposed cuts totaling \$12,850.00 be referred to the May 21<sup>st</sup> Budget proceedings so that the Committee could make its final recommendations on the FY23 Budget that would be presented at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing and City Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

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<b>Cardillo</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Dell Isola</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>DiPierro</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Hanlon</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Lattanzi</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Le</b>						
<b>Marchese</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Martins</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Matewsky</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Nguyen</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Smith</b>		<b>X</b>				

**\*excused absence**

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**Recommendation: Reduce Asst City Clerk Longevity by \$950**

**Action: PASSED ON 8 TO 1 VOTE**

	Yes	No				
<b>Cardillo</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Dell Isola</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>DiPierro</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Hanlon</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Lattanzi</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Le</b>						
<b>Marchese</b>						
<b>Martins</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Matewsky</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Nguyen</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Smith</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>				

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**Recommendation: Reduce Longevity by \$900**  
**Action: PASSED ON 8 TO 1 VOTE**

	Yes	No				
<b>Cardillo</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Dell Isola</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>DiPierro</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Hanlon</b>		<b>X</b>				
<b>Lattanzi</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Le</b>						
<b>Marchese</b>						
<b>Martins</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Matewsky</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Nguyen</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Smith</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>				

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**Recommendation: Reduce Reimbursable Expenses by \$11,000**

**Action: PASSED ON A 9-0 VOTE**

	Yes	No				
<b>Cardillo</b>	X					
<b>Dell Isola</b>	X					
<b>DiPierro</b>	X					
<b>Hanlon</b>	X					
<b>Lattanzi</b>	X					
<b>Le</b>						
<b>Marchese</b>						
<b>Martins</b>	X					
<b>Matewsky</b>	X					
<b>Nguyen</b>	X					
<b>Smith</b>	X					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>				

