

**Legislative Council**  
**Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Deliberations**  
**(Budget Changes)**

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(Line item changes and the meeting recording link can be found at the end)

**April 21, 2021** – Out of recess at 6:06 PM

Members Present: Dominique Baez; Marjorie Bonadies; Austin Cesare; Kristin Dolan; Justin Farmer; Valerie Horsley; Athena Gary; Brad Macdowall; Mick McGarry; Berita Rowe-Lewis; Kathleen Schomaker; Adrian Webber; Betty Wetmore

Members Absent: Jody Clouse; Jeron Alston

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**Elderly Services:**

**Revenues:**

Ms. Wetmore requested a motion to accept the Mayor's revenues as proposed. Moved by Ms. Bonadies, seconded by Mr. Macdowall and approved unanimously.

**Expenditures:**

Ms. Wetmore Moved a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed, seconded by Ms. Bonadies.

There was some discussion on the Transportation Agreement and the difference between what was asked for by the Department Head and what the Mayor funded. After reviewing some past YTD's and having a discussion with Ms. Burbage on this line Mr. McGarry moved a motion to increase the Transportation Agreement line #11901-0728 to \$171,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer.

After a little more discussion Mr. Cesare asked if they would take a friendly amendment of \$145,000. Mr. McGarry said yes, Mr. Farmer said no. They discussed it a bit more and then a vote was taken on the amended motion of increasing it to \$171,000 and it failed with 6 in favor (Baez) (Horsley) (Gary) (Farmer) (Macdowall) (McGarry) and 7 opposed (Cesare) (Schomaker) (Rowe-Lewis) (Dolan) (Bonadies) (Webber) (Wetmore)

Ms. Schomaker then made a motion to amend the Transportation line #11901-0728 to \$145,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved unanimously.

After some discussion on the VNA line #11901-0940 Ms. Baez moved a motion to reduce this line to \$50,000, seconded by Ms. Dolan. After a little more discussion a vote was taken and the motion failed with 2 in favor (Baez) (Dolan) and all others opposed.

A vote was taken on the expenditures as amended and approved unanimously.

**Positions:**

Ms. Wetmore requested a motion to approve the Mayor's positions as proposed. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Schomaker and approved unanimously.

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**Town Attorney:** (Ms. Horsley and Ms. Bonadies are absent at this point)

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Macdowall requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis. Ms. Gruen went over each individual line explaining what each one was used for. There was some discussion on the use of the Professional Technical line and whether or not the proposed third part-time Assistant Town Attorney could save money on this line. After Ms. Gruen explained more of this lines use a vote was taken on the Mayor's expenditures as proposed and approved unanimously.

**Positions:** (Ms. Horsley has rejoined the meeting)

Mr. Macdowall requested a motion to accept the Mayor's positions as proposed. Moved by Ms. Schomaker, seconded by Mr. Farmer.

Ms. Gruen mentioned that the third part-time position was not correct at 35 hours, saying it's a 20 hour position that gets benefits but no pension.

After discussing the extra part-time position for a bit Mr. Cesare asked Ms. Gruen how many employees other Town Attorney offices have and asked her if she could look into that and get back to him. He also said he would like to table the position and see a job description. Ms. Gruen said she'd make a request to CCM to see how other offices are staffed. She said a job description hasn't been started but it's the same as the others and can be found in the Personnel office, but she thinks they're old and need to be updated.

After a little more discussion on this position Mr. Macdowall moved a motion to amend the 35 hours to 20. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGarry and approved unanimously.

Mr. Macdowall then took a vote on the positions as amended and it passed with 2 opposed (Cesare) (Dolan) and 1 abstention (Farmer)

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**Board of Ethics:**

Mr. Macdowall requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. McGarry, seconded by Ms. Schomaker and approved unanimously.

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**Probate Court:** (Ms. Bonadies has rejoined the meeting)

Ms. Schomaker requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdowall.

There was some discussion on previous YTD's. Ms. Baez then moved a motion to reduce Printing/Reproduction line #15101-0515 to \$3,300 and to reduce Office Supplies line #15101-0610 to \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonadies.

After a little more discussion Ms. Schomaker moved a motion to divide the question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved with 1 opposed (Bonadies)

After reviewing some more YTD's from previous years Ms. Schomaker took the vote on reducing Printing/Reproduction line #15101-0515 to \$3,300 and it passed with 1 opposed (Rowe-Lewis)

Ms. Schomaker then took the vote on reducing Office Supplies line #15101-0610 to \$1,000 and it passed with 1 opposed (Rowe-Lewis)

A vote was taken on expenditures as amended and it was approved with 1 opposed (Rowe-Lewis)

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**Assessor:**

**Revenues:**

Ms. Schomaker requested a motion to accept the Mayor's revenues as proposed. Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved unanimously.

**Expenditures:**

Ms. Schomaker requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis.

There was some discussion on the GIS line as well as the Professional Technical line. Ms. Bonadies said she would like to see the list of contracts that fall under the Prof/Tech category. Ms. Schomaker said she'd also like to see that in a memo along with the revenue part in the tax office.

After some more discussion Mr. Cesare moved a motion to table line #10601-0590 Prof/Tech. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved unanimously. – **TABLED ITEM**

Ms. Schomaker then took on the vote on expenditures as proposed with the tabled item and it passed unanimously.

**Positions:**

Ms. Schomaker moved a motion to accept the Mayor's positions as proposed. Moved by Mr. McGarry, seconded by Ms. Horsley.

After some discussion on the amounts of some of the salary increases Ms. Schomaker took the vote on positions as proposed and it passed with 2 opposed (Wetmore) (Cesare)

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**Review of Assessment:**

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Farmer requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. McGarry and approved unanimously.

**Positions:**

Mr. Farmer requested a motion to accept the Mayor's positions as proposed. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

The meeting then recessed at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk

Meeting recording:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/SnUGeGvo1A3QuHJyELuEWY9tcqB49tiHjYhr6JB3zES3DncQchNHt8330z1JzXfi.wMCUFQ9iQJrVejn3>

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**FY 21-22 Budget changes on April 21, 2021**

**Elderly Services changes:**

**Expenditures:**

Increase line #11901-0728 Transportation agreement to \$145,000 ( +\$15,000 )

**Town Attorney changes:**

Change the part-time Assistant Town Attorney listed at 35 hours to 20 hours

**Probate changes:**

Reduce line #15101-0515 Printing/Reproduction to \$3,300 ( -\$2,700 )

Reduce line #15101-0610 Office Supplies to \$1,000 (-\$1,500)

**TABLED:**

Assessor's line # 10601-0590 Professional/Technical