

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

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

April 27, 2021 – Out of recess at 6:10 PM

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

Members Absent: None

Personnel Dept:

Ms. Cogswell explained the new training line funded at \$1,500. Mr. Kelley pointed out that the Mayor gave them salary increases and just wanted to mention that they didn't ask for them.

Positions:

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

Ms. Schomaker moved a motion to amend the salaries of the Personnel Director and the Human Resources Officer back to the department requests (\$102,000 & \$76,875). The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonadies and approved unanimously.

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

Revenues:

Ms. Horsley requested a motion to accept the mayor's revenues as proposed. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Bonadies and approved unanimously.

Expenditures:

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

Ms. Schomaker moved a motion to amend the new training line 11201-xxxx and add \$25,000. (She clarified that this was on top of the \$1,500 already there now making it \$26,500). The motion was seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis.

The training line was discussed for a bit with Ms. Cogswell explaining some of the training that it would cover and that it was Town wide training for all employees and not specific to any department. There was some discussion on funding and grants going forth with this and Ms. Cogswell said there are no grants right now for this that she knows about.

A vote was taken and the amendment passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on training, diversity and employment opportunities for the future and how some of these things are advertised.

Mr. McGarry moved a motion to increase line #11201-0510 Advertising by \$5,000 making it \$6,500. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schomaker and approved with 2 opposed (Bonadies) (Dolan)

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

Fire Dept:

Chief Merwede went over some areas of his budget and talked about what some lines were used for. He also said he would be asking for a small reduction in a line due to a typo.

Revenues:

Mr. Webber requested a motion to accept the Mayor's revenues as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGarry.

After some discussion the Chief pointed out that line #10325-2504 QU EMT Coverage should go down to \$39,000 saying he made a mistake.

Mr. Macdowall moved a motion to reduce line #10325-2504 QU EMT Coverage to \$39,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGarry and approved unanimously.

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

Positions:

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

There was some discussion on positions that are out on injury and how shifts are covered.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to reduce the Chief salary to \$125,000 and reduce the Assistant Chief to \$118,747.74. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer.

There was some discussion on parity between Police and Fire and how contractual salaries catch up to the Supervisor's salaries when they don't get raises. There was also discussion on the amount of time it's been since some Department Heads have gotten a raise.

Ms. Baez withdrew her motion and Mr. Farmer withdrew his second.

A vote was taken on the positions as proposed and it passed with (a roll call vote) 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Wetmore)

Expenditures:

Mr. Webber requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Macdowall.

Chief Merwede went over some lines where things were added and explained them.

Mr. McGarry pointed out how excel printed out multiple salary lines in the expenditures, but that the numbers weren't calculated that many times. He felt it should be cleaned up and asked Mr. Farmer if he would take a friendly amendment to the acceptance of the expenditures as proposed with the additional salary lines taken out of this budget. Mr. Farmer said he would accept that friendly and Mr. Macdowall as the second said he also would accept it.

(This motion removes the Regular Salaries line #12501-0110 from pages 72 through 89)

There was then some discussion on the Electronic Patient Care reporting Software line (12570-0788)

Mr. Macdowall asked the Chief if he was good with these numbers. The Chief said he was good, but that he's always concerned with the maintenance line.

There was some discussion on Uniform Allowance and Uniform Stipend, as well as some discussion on Vehicle Equip/Repair Maintenance, and Capital.

A vote was taken on the expenditures as amended and approved with 1 abstention (Wetmore)

The meeting recessed at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk

Meeting recording:

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FY 21-22 Budget changes on April 27, 2021

Personnel Dept. changes:

Positions:

Decrease the salary of Personnel Director to \$102,000 (-\$3,000)

Decrease the salary of Human Resources Officer to \$76,875 (-\$8,125)

Expenditures:

(Decrease line #11201-0110 Salaries by \$11,125 due to the amendment in positions)

Increase new line #11201-xxxx Training by \$25,000 to \$26,500 (+\$25,000)

Increase line #11201-0510 Advertising by \$5,000 to \$6,500 (+\$5,000)

Fire Dept. changes:

Revenues:

Decrease line #10325-2504 QU EMT Coverage to \$39,000 (+\$20,000)

Expenditures:

Remove the additional salary lines (#12501-0110) from pages 72 through 89