

**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)

**May 6, 2021** – Out of recess at 6:10 PM

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

Members Absent: Kristin Dolan

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**Animal Control:**

**Revenues:**

Mr. McGarry requested a motion to accept the Mayor's revenues as proposed. Moved by Mr. Macdowall, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis and approved unanimously.

**Positions:**

Mr. McGarry requested a motion to accept the positions as proposed. Moved by Mr. Macdowall, seconded by Ms. Schomaker.

There was some discussion on the vacant ACO Officer position. Mr. Macdowall asked if the \$15,000 was for 40 hours a week or if that should be part-time. Mr. Jackson said part-time, no more than 19.5 hours a week saying they would utilize this position for weekends.

Mr. Macdowall moved a motion to reduce the 40 hours to 19.5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baez.

There was some discussion on waiting to fill this position until Hamden's Animal Shelter was built and ready to staff.

Mr. Farmer asked Mr. Macdowall if he would accept a friendly amendment and zero out this line but leave it in as a part-time position. Mr. Macdowall and Ms. Baez both accepted the friendly. A vote was taken and it passed with 4 opposed (Bonadies) (Schomaker) (Horsley) (Wetmore)

A vote was taken on the positions as amended and it passed with 3 opposed (Schomaker) (Bonadies) (Horsley)

**Expenditures:**

Mr. McGarry requested a motion to accept the expenditures as proposed. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Mr. Macdowall.

Ms. Horsley asked the Chief if he would need more money in overtime now that they zeroed out the assistant. The Chief said yes.

Ms. Horsley moved a motion to increase line #12301-0130 to \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schomaker and Mr. Cesare and approved with 1 opposed (Farmer)

There was discussion on multiple lines.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to drop the Prof./Tech. down to \$250 and to drop the Uniform Stipends down to \$1,300. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macdowall and approved with 2 opposed (Bonadies) (Wetmore)

Ms. Baez moved a motion to reduce the land Buildings Rental to \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmer.

Ms. Schomaker questioned the year-to-date on this. Mr. Jackson said it's currently at \$50,074.50 and about \$66,000 with encumbrances. After some more discussion on this line a roll call vote was taken and the motion failed with 8 opposed (Bonadies) (Cesare) (Clouse) (Horsley) (McGarry) (Rowe-Lewis) (Schomaker) (Wetmore) – 6 in favor (Alston) (Baez) (Farmer) (Gary) (Macdowall) (Webber)

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

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**Traffic:**

**Positions:**

Mr. Cesare moved a motion to accept the Mayor's positions as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis.

Mr. Farmer asked if these positions were enough. Chief Sullivan said he thinks they may be understaffed and said they're very busy. Ms. Bonadies asked what he could use. The Chief said either a temp or a full time Sign Maintainer would be very helpful.

Ms. Rowe-Lewis said she'd be in favor of this. Mr. Farmer said he doesn't think they should add a position unless it's at \$0 until they have a well thought out plan. Ms. Baez agrees they need a plan and would be in favor of funding it at \$0.

Ms. Bonadies said she'd like to make a motion to put in a position in here of a Sign Maintainer and fund it for half a year so Chief can get his plan together. Ms. Bonadies wasn't sure of part-time and asked the Chief what helped more to get the department functioning. The Chief said part-time would definitely be helpful.

Ms. Bonadies then moved a motion to add a part-time Sign Maintainer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wetmore. Ms. Baez asked if this was for half a year. Ms. Bonadies said for a full year. Mr. Cesare asked Chief Sullivan to get the number on that. Chief Sullivan said looking quick it looks to be approximately \$32,000-\$33,000.

After a lengthy discussion on traffic issues Ms. Bonadies moved a motion to call the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis and approved by a roll call vote with 5 opposed (Alston) (Baez) (Farmer) (Gary) (Macdowall)

A roll call vote was taken on Ms. Bonadies motion and it failed with a tie of 7 in favor (Bonadies) (Cesare) (Horsley) (McGarry) (Rowe-Lewis) (Schomaker) (Wetmore) and 7 opposed (Alston) (Baez) (Clouse) (Farmer) (Gary) (Macdowall) (Webber)

Mr. Farmer moved a motion for a full time position funded at \$0 contingent upon a plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clouse and approved with 1 opposed (Rowe-Lewis)

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Cesare requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as amended. (Mr. Cesare said due to adding the position) Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Wetmore.

Mr. Farmer asked the Chief if he had any concerns. Chief Sullivan said no.

A vote was taken on expenditures as amended and approved with 1 opposed (Bonadies)

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The meeting then recessed at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk

Meeting recording:

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**FY 21-22 Budget changes on May 6, 2021**

**Animal Control changes:**

**Positions:**

Decrease the Asst. ACO funded at \$15,000 to \$0 (-\$15,000)

**Expenditures:**

Increase line #12301-0130 Overtime to \$10,000 (+\$5,000)

Decrease line #12301-0590 Prof./Tech. to \$250 (-\$500)

Decrease line #12301-0673 Uniform Stipend to \$1,300 (-\$1,300)

**Traffic:**

**Positions:**

Add a full time position funded at \$0

**TABLED:**