

~City Council Committee~
General Government I - Budget
Monday, April 13, 2015

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Chairman Gregg Seabury called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee members Joseph Cavo, Andrew Wetmore, and Duane Perkins. Also present were representatives as follows: Mark D. Boughton, Mayor; Bob Yamin Corporation Counsel ; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant; and other members in the audience representing: Conservation Commission, Fair Rent Commission, Planning/Zoning, Town Clerk, Registrar/Elections, Probate Court Judge, Lake Authority, Library, Long Ridge Library, Office of Economic Development and Permit. Committee Member Thomas Saadi was away on family business as well as other Councilmembers.

Mr. Seabury outlined the procedure for the evening; he will note the budget and provide the departments with the opportunity for comment.

Office of Economic Development: \$ 105,224. No comment.

Planning Department \$ 513,737. No comment

City Council: \$23,362. Mr. Cavo noted this is a good format and should cover legal notices and postings and if there is more than currently expected, they can always return and request an adjustment.

Mayor's Office: \$355,613. Mayor Boughton noted several changes: Mr. Esposito's time is being split between his office and Weights and Measures.

Legislative Assistant: \$61,517. Ms. Natale responded to questions regarding recycling and postage and budget summaries.

Ordinances: \$17,500. Printing reductions were discussed.

Probate Court: \$21,000. Judge Yamin requested the full amount which is a difference of \$1,500 for requirements for leased equipment (copier and postage machine for decrees of the Court), office supplies (confidential envelopes, etc.), printing and binding (had to come back for more funds last year). Mayor Boughton suggested after July 1st that could be found, and noted the State keeps passing mandates that they should pay for.

Registrar/Elections: no comment.

Corporation Counsel: \$836,081. Mr. Yamin noted reviewed with Mr. St. Hilaire; no changes.

Town Clerk: \$388,326. Jeffrey Dunkerton, Assistant Town Clerk, noted he worked on the budget with Lori before she left. He inquired whether the \$25,000 decrease in miscellaneous services was a grant; Mr. St. Hilaire responded to questions.

Mr. St. Hilaire reviewed the general government budget historically and the proposed budget.

Town Clerk Annual Report: \$10,000 for printing. Mayor Boughton discussed.

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Permit Center \$337,950. It was noted this was discussed with Sean Hearty earlier.

Conservation Commission: \$10,024. Discussed by Mr. St. Hilaire.

Mayor's Discretionary Fund: \$15,000. Mayor Boughton noted 80% goes toward charitable donations with occasional travel reimbursements.

Fair Rent Commission: \$500. Although rarely used, it is there in case needed.

City Memberships: Mayor Boughton reviewed various memberships.

Lake Authority: \$74,636. Mayor Boughton discussed and responded to Mr. Cavo's questions.

Danbury Public Library: \$1.9 Million. Discussed by Mayor Boughton.

Long Ridge Library: \$7,360. Discussed by Volunteer Treasurer Kathy Crosby.

Mayor Boughton introduced and Mr. St. Hilaire reviewed the City's Budget presentation including salaries, services, and supplies from a historical and organizational view. He noted the interactive presentation document will be available soon. Mr. St. Hilaire responded to questions regarding open positions noting they are part of HR, not necessarily noted in this presentation.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilman Wetmore, that the General Government I Ad Hoc Committee recommend to the Council as a Whole subject to the Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 2015 that the budget be adopted as presented stay consistent with the previous actions of granting raises to the Mayor's position and Town Clerk's position of 2.75% consistent with Department Heads and union employees throughout the City, starting December 2015 through November 2017. The raise to be 2.75 on December 1, 2015 and on July, 2016 and run through the end of the term of office for the two Officials. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Boughton noted the raise would be accepted if appropriate funding and savings for that Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilman Wetmore to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Seabury, Chairman

Joe Cavo

Andrew Wetmore

Duane Perkins

Tom Saadi