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*~City Council Committee~
General Government I - Budget
Monday, April 18, 2016*

Chairman Gregg Seabury called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee Members Joseph Cavo, and Nancy Cammisa. Thomas Saadi to arrive later in the meeting. Duane Perkins was away on business. Ex-Officio Member Paul Rotello was in attendance as well. Also present were representatives as follows: Mark D. Boughton, Mayor; Bob Yamin Corporation Counsel; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; Sharon Calitro, Director of Planning; and other members in the audience representing some of the following areas: Conservation Commission, Fair Rent Commission, Planning/Zoning, Town Clerk, Registrar/Elections, Probate Court Judge, Lake Authority, Library, Long Ridge Library, Office of Project Excellence, and Permits.

Mr. Seabury outlined the procedure for the evening; he will note each department item and provide that department with the opportunity for comment.

City Council: \$24,122. Mr. Cavo noted this amount is functional and just needs to cover legal notices. If there are more Ordinances than currently expected, they can always return and request an adjustment.

Ordinances: Mr. Cavo indicated the same comment as above noting cost of printing is high; research is being done on how to reduce costs.

Annual Report: \$10,000; Mayor Boughton noted it has been \$10,000 for the last six years and they believe they can get the report done for that amount.

Mayor's Discretionary Fund: \$13,800. Mayor Boughton noted this took a hit this year but they will make it work. Some of the items covered are charitable donations, etc.

Mayor's Office: \$401,000 Mayor Boughton noted this relates to how positions are being booked; it will eventually be about \$343,000 more in line with what it was last year.

City Memberships: Mayor Boughton stated most items stayed flat, COG was noted as was Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

Office of Project Excellence: Mayor Boughton noted this is Stephen Nocera's position which has achieved \$385,000 in savings with nearly double that in expected savings next year.

Legislative Assistant: Mayor Boughton noted this amount is the Legislative Assistant's salary. Mr. Seabury stated Diane Hammond indicated satisfaction with \$21,100 noted.

Registrar/Elections: This covers salaries, office supplies, and the cost of primaries, excluding any special, large referendums. Part time assistance was discussed relative to the Presidential primaries. Salaries include a raise for next year at 2.75% with a 2.75% raise the following year. The salary must be set prior to the election.

Corporation Counsel: Mayor Boughton noted no major litigation is anticipated; grant list establishment was noted and satisfaction with the allocation was indicated.

Town Clerk: Mayor Boughton stated the Town Clerk had indicated satisfaction with the allocation, summer part-time assistance may be needed for the Presidential election.

Park Coordinator: Mr. Seabury stated Sean indicated that he is fine with the allocation. Although large raises may not be possible, acknowledgement and thanks is much appreciated.

Planning: Ms. Calitro indicated satisfaction with the allocation.

Office of Business: Mayor Boughton noted this is a change from the Economic Development Allotments. \$68,500 is salary the remainder of the \$198,000 is seeding for projects. There was a recent successful Restaurant Week and partnerships for City Center. Rodger was directed to make a proposal to the Office of Project Excellence for any other desired projects.

Conservation Commission: The representative indicated satisfaction with the allotment.

Fair Rent Commission: \$400. Mayor Boughton noted this can be used for things like attending a conference, etc.

Danbury Public Library: The representative indicated satisfaction with the allocation.

Long Ridge Library: \$7,300. Mayor Boughton stated he has had conversations with them and historically their physical plant needs work.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilwoman Cammisa, that the Committee recommend to the Council as a Whole the adoption of the General Government I Budget with one change to the salaries of the Registrar of Voters 2.75% raise for the year 2016/2017 and 2.75% raise for the year 2017/2018. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilwoman Cammisa, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Seabury, Chairman

Joseph Cavo

Nancy Cammisa

Duane Perkins

Thomas Saadi