

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 29, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Late Arrival	Early Departure
Burgess	X			
Cox	X			
Frederic	X			
Hudley	X			
Inman		X		
Jones	X			
Lyons, Pres.	X			

Council Member Inman was excused from the meeting by Council President Lyons.

At 5:30 P.M. the meeting was called to order and Council President Lyons read the statement of proper notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

Revenue and Finance Director Ra'Oof gave an overview of the 2018 Calendar Year budget and provided a summary of the budget detail. Council President Lyons indicated that these budget hearings were going to be briefer than previous deliberations due to the fact that there are financial concerns which will prevent any increases in the proposed introduced budget. Some discussion ensued on the manner in which these hearings were being conducted.

Budge Consultant Fuller indicated it was premature to hold hearings at this time due to the fact that the budget has not been fully prepared because there are too many variables still unknown that is preventing solid numbers from being formulated regarding the tax levy.

Mr. Malik indicated the goal of the Administration is to present a finalized budget to the Council between 1.5% and 2% above the Calendar Year 2017 Budget

The Council Members deliberated on the CY 2013 municipal budget regarding the following departments:

Public Safety

Director Bowers presented this budget to the Council and, when applicable, responded to questions from the Council relative to same. Some discussion ensued on the COPS Grant.

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At the request of Council President Lyons, Revenue and Finance Director Ra’Oof presented the remaining department’s budgets listed below to the Council, and when applicable, answered questions from the Council relative to same.

Division of Fire

Mr. Malik assisted in presenting this budget to Council by indicating that a ladder truck was planned in the capital budget this year.

Department of Health

Director Griffith assisted in presenting this budget to the Council and, when applicable, responded to questions from the Council relative to same. Some explanation of grants and worker’s compensation was made by Director Griffith. Some discussion also ensued on the Police and Fire Surgeon position, which Director Griffith indicated was filled in a consultant capacity.

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Malloy assisted in presenting this budget to the Council and, when applicable, responded to questions from the Council relative to same.

Office of the Township Attorney

Township Attorney Rivera assisted in presenting this budget to the Council and, when applicable, responded to questions from the Council relative to same. Some discussion ensued on the prosecutors falling under the realm of the Township Attorney rather than the Business Administrator and the public defender position being under the Business Administrator’s Office rather than the Township Attorney.

Business Administrator

Mr. Malik assisted in presenting this budget to the Council and, when applicable, responded to questions from the Council relative to same. Mr. Malik handed out detail to the Council which was not furnished to the Municipal Clerk for inclusion herewith. Some discussion ensued on the Township Project Team.

Department of Housing and Building

Acting Director Arnold assisted in presenting this budget to the Council.

President Lyons indicated that the Administration should have more detailed budget documents ready prior to budget hearings taking place. Some discussion ensued on why the budget numbers as presented this evening are not the same numbers that will be

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presented to the Council in the budget document. Mr. Malik indicated that the budget should be preliminarily sent to Trenton this week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk