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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A. c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means
DATE: Sept 11, 2019
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Town Hall Main Meeting Room

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comments
- Fund the Burlington Police Command Officers’
- Amend the FY2020 Education Budget
- Transfer of Funds FY2020
- MWRA I/I Debt Service
- Transportation Subsidy
- Will of Marshall Simonds
- Approval of Minutes
- Adjourn
-dept./board: ways and means
-date: september 11, 2019
-time: 7pm
-place: burlington town hall, main hearing room

members in attendance:

-present: roger riggs – chair, steve morin – vice-chairman, brad bond, diane creedon, doug davison, susan harrigan, john iler, thomas killilea, sonia rollins, jayashvee voruganti,
-absent: phil gallagher, michael hardy, frankmonaco, david tait

a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

guests:
john danizio, town accountant
nicole coscia, business manager of burlington public schools

pledge of allegiance
public comments
no public comments made

funding of the burlington police command officers

brad-selectman’s meeting; last of the contracts on the town’s side

mr. brad bond of the public safety sub-committee briefed the committee on the status of contracts for police officers. a three-year contract was agreed upon for police officers. a 2.5 percent increase in compensation was agreed for fy2020, to be followed by another 2.25 percent increase in the second year and a 1.75 percent increase in the third year of the contract. the decrease in salary adjustment was an offset to an added step for officers who have served 15 years or more to mirror the change that was made for the police patrol contract in the spring. the sub-committee voted to approve $73,305 from this year’s negotiated line item for the salary increases. the sub-committee voted to support the request, 2-0. the committee is asked to approve $73,305 for the bump in police officer salaries for this year. the motion was made and seconded. vote passed 9-0-0.
Amendments of the FY2020 Education Budget

Mr. John Iler briefed the committee on the school transportation process. Initially, there had only been one bidder for the contract. The school budget was created based on the FY19 budget level funding for transportation with the understanding that the increment of the actual cost of transportation would be added once the bidding process was complete. As such, at the May town meeting, an additional $709,675 was approved to cover the increase of costs from transportation. However, the bidding process was contested, and the town opened a second bidding process in which a different vendor was selected for school transportation purposes and there was a subsequent reduction in transportation costs. As such, the school committee is requesting a reduction in budget according to the change in transportation costs. Instead of the original $709,675 increase in the school budget, the new increase is $493,294, resulting in a recommended $216,381 reduction. The committee is asked to approve this $216,381 reduction of the school budget. The sub-committee voted to support 4-0-0. The motion was made and seconded. The vote passed 9-0-0.

Transfer of Funds 2020

Subject withdrawn.

MWRA I/ I Debt Service

Mr. Doug Davison briefed the committee on the MWRA loan which is a 25 percent loan at 0 percent and 75 percent grant. The committee is asked to approve the first payment for $27,750 for the inflow and infiltration program. Which is funded on through a transfer from the I and I fund and has no effect on the operating budget. The sub-committee voted to approved 2-0. The motion was made and seconded. The vote passed 9-0-0.

Transportation Subsidy

Ms. Sonia Rollins briefed the committee on new avenues for public transportation. As per the discussion at the May Town Meeting, the B-line cannot continue to run as it is due to declining use. The town conducted a study of other options for those in need of public transportation services, while this is the last fiscal year of funding for the B-line. As a replacement for the B-line, an on-demand program is proposed in which a transportation of $50,000 will match a federal grant of $75,000. The money will come from the transportation fund and needs approval at the town meeting. The proposed program is to reimburse qualifying citizens of Burlington for their use of private transportation companies, such as Uber and Lyft. The program will work in conjunction with the B-line through the end of the fiscal year. Qualified individuals would receive partial reimbursement for rides that they coordinate on their own. The program’s effectiveness must be evaluated as more people may wish to take advantage of such a program than already rely on public transportation. The Council on Aging will oversee the qualification process. There are a number of issues to work out how the program will be run: if there will be a cap on the number of rides per person, if qualified individuals will be taxed for the rides, and if the technological demands of ride-sharing will be in reach for all those who participate. The committee is
asked to approve $50,000 for the pilot program. The sub-committee voted to support 2-0. The motion was made and seconded to use transportation funds for the pilot program. Vote passed 9-0-0.

**Will of Marshall Simonds**

Mr. Doug Davison briefed the committee on the will of Marshall Simmonds. The sub-committee voted 2-0 to accept $70,862.05 for the improvement of Simonds Park. A new administrator of the will is still needed at the bank, so specific requests for programs have not been approved, but they have provided examples of programs. For example, last summer the money was used for a modular therapeutic space that is air-conditioned. It is a place for quiet time for kids who are a part of the therapeutic recreation program. In addition, the money may also be used for a scholarship fund to offset the cost of the program for families. The money can also be used to build accessibility paths to the tennis courts, turf maintenance, and improvements to the stairs. The committee is asked to approve the amount for Simonds Park. The motion was made and seconded. The vote passed 9-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from March 27, 2019. Vote passed, 8-0-1 (Brad Bond).

Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from July 10, 2019. Vote passed, 6-0-3 (Sonia Rollins, Diane Creedon, Thomas Killilea).

**Adjourn**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. All members voted to adjourn.
## SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

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<tr>
<th>TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR*</th>
<th>FY 20 BUDGET LEVEL FUNDED</th>
<th>COST FOR SERVICE PER BID</th>
<th>INCREASE TO FY20 BUDGET</th>
<th>APPROPRIATION PER TOWN MEETING</th>
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* THIS EXPENSE IS NOT PART OF THE BID

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