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BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, March 10, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Freedman at 7:00 p.m. *(Video 00:00:17)*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Richard Freedman, Vice Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, Geoff Alswanger, Dennis Mahoney, David Mannis and J.R. McMullen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Caroline Simmons, Bridget Fox, Sandy Dennies, Lee Berta, Anita Carpenter, William Klous, Dan Colleluori, Stephen Garst, Christopher Tranberg and Sue Halpern.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was none.

1. MINUTES *(Video 00:00:56)*

Request for approval of minutes of the following meeting:

Audit Committee Meeting – February 10, 2022
Regular Monthly Meeting -- February 10, 2022

Submitted by: Clerk, Board of Finance

Motion to approve by Dennis Mahoney, seconded by David Mannis. Vote passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

2. POSSIBLE DISCUSSION – MAYOR CAROLINE SIMMONS (Video 00:01:31)

Mayor Caroline Simmons thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the FY22/23 City Budget the previous night, Wednesday, March 9th, and stated that she looks forward to working together through the budget process. Mayor Simmons addressed a question on potential federal funding dollars coming to Stamford as well as a question on the Senior Tax Abatement.

3. BUDGET UPDATE – BOARD OF EDUCATION (Video 00:06:52)

Ryan Fealey, Director of Finance, Board of Education, provided a brief update on the BOE budget.

4. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION—JAG LOCAL VCP GRANT—OVERTIME (Video 00:40:20)

Grant Funds will be utilized on an overtime basis for Police Officers to participate in the Police Activities League (PAL) Program at the Yerwood Center. No additional City funds are required. Grant funds represent a one-time disbursement to local Police Departments.

Action Requested:	Approval of Additional Appropriation
Amount:	\$15,000
Fund/Budget:	100% Grant Funded
Submitted by:	Anita Carpenter, Grants Director
Attending:	Anita Carpenter

Items #4 and #5 were discussed together. The Board had extensive discussion on the use of the majority of the funds towards overtime and administrative salaries. The item was held so that a representative of the Police Department could speak to the Board's concerns.

****Motion to hold items #4 and #5 until April BOF Regular Monthly Board meeting by Richard Freedman, seconded by Mary Lou Rinaldi. Vote to hold items passed unanimously, 6-0-0.*

5. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION—PAL GRANT (Video 00:42:26)

Grant Funds will be utilized to implement a pilot Police Activities League (PAL) Program at the Chester Addison Center geared towards high risk youth. The goal of the program is to reduce violent behavior among youth while simultaneously building positive relationships with Police Officers. Funds will be utilized to hire (3) Part-time ~~civilian~~ seasonal employees to manage the program, purchase supplies and overtime for police officers to participate in the program.

Action Requested:	Approval of Additional Appropriation
Amount:	\$124,994 (\$74,100 PAL/Part-Time; \$5,669 PAL/Social Security \$42,280 PAL Overtime; \$2,945 PAL/Program Supplies)
Fund/Budget:	100% Grant Funded
Submitted by:	Anita Carpenter, Grants Director
Attending:	Anita Carpenter

****Item held (see item #4).*

6. BID WAIVER – OPERATIONS – VEHICLE PURCHASE -- SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – OVER \$100,000 (Video 00:11:50)

An automated side load refuse truck is critical and necessary to the operations of the Solid Waste Department. This requisition is for a truck that is in stock and can be delivered one week after receipt of the purchase order. In addition, due to supply chain shortages, steel surcharges and manpower issues at the manufacture level, a new truck would take over a year to be delivered. In that year plus waiting for the new truck to arrive, the cost to maintain the existing fleet will increase, the Vehicle Maintenance Department will incur overtime to keep the refuse fleet on the road and the Solid Waste Department would need overtime on a daily basis. Furthermore, the cost of a truck procured through a bid would be 10%-15% or more higher than this truck.

Action Requested:	Approval of Bid Waiver
Amount:	\$309,842
Fund/Budget:	Capital
Submitted by:	Matt Quinones, Director of Operations
Attending:	Bill Klous, Fleet Manager Dan Colleluori, Supervisor of Solid Waste and Recycling

There was a lengthy discussion of the appropriateness of this bid waiver. The Board stressed the importance of using the standard bid process when considering any purchase.

Motion to approve by David Mannis. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.
No vote was taken

ADJOURNMENT: (Video 01:05:14)

Motion to adjourn by Mary Lou Rinaldi, seconded by J.R. McMullen. Vote passed unanimously, 6-0-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Tracy Donoghue
Clerk of the Board

This meeting is on video.