



MINUTES of the Budget Workshop of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Michael Mason, BET Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chair
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chair
William Drake, Clerk
Andreas Duus III
Laura Erickson
Debra Hess
Miriam L. Kreuzer (by Telephone)
Elizabeth K. Krumeich (by Telephone)
Leslie Moriarty
Jeffrey S. Ramer (by Telephone)
Leslie L. Tarkington
David Weisbrod (by Telephone)

Staff: Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Management Systems; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller

Selectman: Fred Camillo, First Selectman

RTM: Danyal Ozizmir, (D-5), BOC & LCC

Public: Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*

Mr. Mason welcomed BET Members to the BET Budget Workshop. In his opening remarks, he explained that the Workshop would be an opportunity to express thoughts and positions, define conditions, request more information on budget items, and consider amendments to propose by the March 24 deadline for further discussion and voting on BET FY21 Budget Decision Day, April 2, 2020.

1. **2020-2021 Budget Discussion**

BET members proposed amendments they might offer to further modify the BET Budget Committee recommended budget. Proposed amendments included: the addition of a Greenwich Plaza Development Study; salary changes for the Registrars of Voters, Internal Auditor, and Commission on Aging PT positions and reducing an amount for three uniform positions from the Police Dept. An amount to increase the BOE SPED study of needs and best practices was discussed; the possible need for a BOE FY20 interim appropriation and FY21 budget increase for SPED out-of-district tuition and transportation costs; and an

amendment to decrease funding due to loss of enrollment are likely to be proposed.

First Selectman Camillo's request for an emergency appropriation to join a Public/Private Partnership with United Way for residents affected by Coronavirus was discussed. Since Pay-As-You-Throw had been deferred from the FY21 budget, its respective revenue and fees will be deleted, and a Tipping Fee will be discussed with the DPW Commissioner before an Ordinance is prepared for the next RTM meeting.

Discussion of Fixed Charges included a proposed amendment to offset The Nathaniel Witherell's accumulated negative fund balance with a transfer from Unrestricted Fund Balance.

DPW Engineering, Highway and Building Construction projects were discussed for reduction and/or one-year deferral. Other projects were considered for Conditioning: BOE Soil Remediation; Hamill Rink Improvements; Eastern Civic Center; building of GEMS Station 4; and prioritizing BOE Capital Projects including Cardinal Field Improvements.

Amendments to The Nathaniel Witherell and Parking Funds were discussed.

There were no actions taken at this meeting.

Mr. Mason thanked the Board for its consideration of the issues and encouraged the submission of Amendment forms as quickly as possible.

2. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Weisbrod, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 P.M. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Estimate & Taxation is on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, .



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



William Drake, Clerk of the Board



Michael Mason, Chairman