

**Legislative Council**  
**Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Deliberations**  
**(Budget Changes)**

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(Line item changes and the meeting recording link can be found at the end)

**May 5, 2021** – Out of recess at 8:45 PM

Members Present: Dominique Baez; Marjorie Bonadies; Austin Cesare; Kristin Dolan; Jody Clouse; Jeron Alston Valerie Horsley; Athena Gary; Brad Macdowall; Mick McGarry; Berita Rowe-Lewis; Kathleen Schomaker; Adrian Webber (gone @9:10pm); Betty Wetmore(gone @9:10pm); Justin Farmer(Gone @9:10pm and returned @10:07pm)

Members Absent:

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**Building Dept:**

**Revenues:**

Ms. Bonadies moved the Mayor's revenues as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Mr. McGarry called for a 5 minute recess.

In recess @ 8:50pm

Out of recess @ 8:55pm

Mr. DeMatteo (Acting Building Official) said he was more comfortable with his numbers. He said his numbers include all projects coming up and he did a lot of homework to come up with these numbers. He said he doesn't agree with the Mayor's numbers.

There was some discussion on the last 3 revenue lines with Mr. DeMatteo saying he thinks they can be moved up a little bit.

Mr. Macdowall moved a motion to amend the first 4 lines to the department request and to increase Sign Permits to \$1,500 – Swimming Pool Permits to \$4,000 – and Certificates of Occupancy to \$500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cesare.

Mr. DeMatteo mentioned permit fees and a sheet he created that he'd like them to consider and approve sometime after the budget saying it's a request to increase revenue.

After some discussion Mr. McGarry asked if Mr. Macdowall would meet halfway with a friendly amendment to the first 3 lines and amend 2601 to \$800,000 – 2602 to \$75,000 – and 2603 to \$195,000.

There was some discussion on the fee schedule that Mr. DeMatteo came up with which raises fees closer to what other Towns charge.

Mr. Macdowall asked if the intent and commitment of the Leadership today is to say we'll see an amendment to the fee schedule he'll accept the friendly. Mr. McGarry said it seems like a reasonable request by Mr. DeMatteo so yes. Mr. Macdowall said he's going to put in a formal request to Clerk Renta that we receive from Director DeMatteo a recommendation for an updated fee schedule and that that information be decimated to every Council member for review and given that request he will accept the friendly amendment by President McGarry. Mr. Cesare as the second also accepted the friendly amendment.

After a little more discussion with Mr. DeMatteo on the adjusted numbers Mr. McGarry offered another friendly to adjust 2602 to \$60,000 and 2603 to \$145,000. Both Mr. Macdowall and Mr. Cesare accepted.

After the Occupancy line was discussed a little more Mr. Macdowall moved a friendly amendment to his motion and increased the Occupancy line 2608 from \$500 to \$1,000. Mr. Cesare accepted.

A vote on the amendment was taken and approved unanimously.

A vote was taken on the revenues as amended and approved unanimously.

**Positions:**

Ms. Bonadies requested a motion to accept the Mayor's positions as proposed. Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Mr. McGarry and approved with 1 opposed (Dolan)

**Expenditures:**

Ms. Bonadies requested a motion to accept the Mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Cesare and approved unanimously.

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## **Planning & Zoning:**

### **Revenues:**

Ms. Gary requested a motion to accept the revenues as proposed by the Mayor. Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. McGarry.

There was some discussion on whether these lines were reasonable.

Mr. McGarry asked about the Blighted Properties line. Mr. Jackson said they have a plan to capture this revenue and he thinks with the team in place this will be a much more vigorous line.

Mr. McGarry moved a motion to decrease line #10911-1602 from \$70,000 to \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macdowall and approved unanimously.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to decrease applications to \$45,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGarry and approved with 1 abstention (Cesare)

A vote was taken on revenues as amended and approved unanimously.

### **Expenditures:**

Ms. Gary requested a motion to accept the mayor's expenditures as proposed. Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. McGarry. Mr. Johnson asked for an increase in the Professional/Technical Line and explained some of the things this money is used for and how it could help better the department.

After this was discussed for a while Mr. McGarry moved a motion to increase line #11101-0590 Prof./Tech. by \$50,000 to \$66,020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baez.

Ms. Horsley said she would support that. Mr. Cesare said he'd like more information. Mr. Austin then explained this line as well and what they use it for. Mr. Cesare asked Mr. McGarry if he would take a friendly of \$30,000. Mr. McGarry said he wants to see what Mr. Johnson can do and he'd like to give him the tools to do so therefore he'll have to decline.

(Mr. Farmer rejoined the meeting here)

A vote was taken on the amendment and it passed with 3 opposed (Bonadies) (Dolan) (Cesare) and 1 abstention (Farmer)

A vote was taken on the expenditures as amended and it passed with 3 opposed (Bonadies) (Dolan) (Cesare) and 1 abstention (Farmer)

**Positions:**

Ms. Gary moved a motion to accept the positions as proposed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horsley and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)

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The meeting then recessed at 10:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk

Meeting recording:

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**FY 21-22 Budget changes on May 5, 2021**

**Building Dept. changes:**

**Revenues:**

Decrease line #10326-2601 Building Permits to \$800,000	(+\$95,664)
Decrease line #10326-2602 Plumbing Permits to \$60,000	(+\$55,000)
Decrease line #10326-2603 Electrical Permits to \$145,000	(+\$115,000)
Increase line #10326-2605 Sign Permits to \$1,500	(-\$1,500)
Increase line #10326-2606 Swimming Pool Permits to \$4,000	(-\$4,000)
Increase line #10326-2608 Certificates of Occupancy to \$1,000	(-\$1,000)

**Planning & Zoning:**

**Revenues:**

Decrease line #10911-1104 Applications to \$45,000	(+\$15,000)
Decrease line #10911-1602 Student Housing to \$60,000	(+\$10,000)

**Expenditures:**

Increase line #11101-0590 Prof./Tech. to \$66,020	(+\$50,000)
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