

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone and Commissioners Darlene Battle, Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Richard Zaharek, Angelo LaMonica, and Glenn McLeod. Also present were Fire Chief Gary Brunoli, Police Chief Michael Maniago, City Comptroller Alice Proulx, and Deputy Comptroller Gina Casper.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Commissioner Zaharek made a motion to eliminate funding for the Deputy Police Chief position for fiscal year 2018/2019 and requested for Chief Maniago to come back to the Board with a restructuring program that shows how best to utilize his resources in a way that puts the most officers on the street and ensures a high performing organization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benedetto.

Commissioner LaMonica expressed his support for eliminating the Deputy Police Chief position from the Police Department budget and Commissioner McLeod expressed his opposition to the motion.

Mayor Carbone clarified the motion and the Board voted to reduce the Police Department budget by the salary line item of \$108,577.00 with four votes in favor (Zaharek, Benedetto, LaMonica, and Carbone) and three opposed (McLeod, Battle, and Conforti). Mayor Carbone broke the tie with her vote in favor of said motion.

The Board discussed additional cuts to the Police Department budget that might need to be made.

Mayor Carbone stated that wage increases were not factored in to the Police Department budget being presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted to approve and advance the Police Department budget in the sum of \$8,954,319.00 to the City Council for further consideration with four votes in favor and two opposed (Battle and McLeod).

TRAFFIC DIVISION BUDGET

The Board discussed Chief Maniago's additional proposed cuts of \$9,687.00 to the Traffic Division budget. On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to accept Chief Maniago's proposed reductions to the Traffic Division budget.

ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPT. CUTS

The Board discussed the impact that Chief Maniago's additional \$217,967.00 of proposed cuts would have on the Police Department. Chief Maniago stated that the Department would utilize its funding in the most effective way possible and requested to maintain the Acting Deputy Chief position.

Commissioner Battle expressed her concerns with Chief Maniago's additional proposed cuts and Commissioner McLeod suggested allowing the Chief time to revisit his budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica the Board voted to accept and advance the additional proposed cuts to the City Council with four votes in favor and two opposed (Battle and McLeod).

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted to recommend to the City Council that it accept the Police Department budget in the sum of \$8,736,352.00 with four votes in favor and two opposed (Battle and McLeod).

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Board discussed the Fire Department budget as presented with a .37% reduction of \$19,443.00.

Commissioner Benedetto questioned Chief Brunoli about his proposed cuts to training and laying off a firefighter. Chief Brunoli stated that there is no room in the budget to cut from anywhere else.

Commissioner McLeod stated that the Board should put forward budgets that it feels are proper.

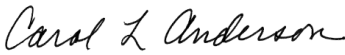
On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to restore \$21,600.00 back in to the training line item, bringing the Fire Department budget to \$5,190,196.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to approve and recommend that the Fire Department budget be moved to the City Council in the total amount of \$5,190,196.00.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK