

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and Board of Finance Members Lance Boynton, Laurene Pesce, Christopher Anderson, Jenna Reichen, and Joshua Ferreira. Member Mark Bushka was absent. Comptroller Alice Proulx and Fleet Manager Emil Castro were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Ferreira, seconded by Mrs. Pesce, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2018. Mr. Boynton and Ms. Reichen abstained.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ferreira, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VEHICLE REPLACEMENT: Volvo L70H Loader**

On a motion by Mrs. Pesce, seconded by Mr. Ferreira, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Fleet manager, Superintendent of Streets & Parks, Public Works Director, and Vehicle Replacement Committee, and authorize the Mayor to purchase a Volvo L70H Loader through National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA) from Tyler Equipment for \$144,451.00 and to have the Mayor act on behalf of the City regarding the execution of the contract and its administration.

Mrs. Pesce commented that the explanation given at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on March 19, 2018 was helpful for understanding the purpose of the proposed purchase. Mr. Castro explained that the City's current Loader would remain with the City as a backup to the new one and stated that the purchase would save the City approximately \$10,000 per year by eliminating the need to lease a Loader.

Mayor Carbone clarified that the City had been leasing the Loader through the winter season and now wishes to purchase the machine out of the vehicle replacement account.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On a motion by Mr. Ferreira, seconded by Mrs. Pesce, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Board of Education financial reports for January and February 2018.

Mayor Carbone requested that a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance be arranged prior to April 15, 2018 to discuss some concerns regarding the Board of Education's budget performance and to consider a request to allow for a change in the budgeting process for capital projects.

**BUSINESS: Mayor and Members**

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Boynton, the Board voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and Members of the Board of Finance.

Mr. Boynton stated that in the immediate future he hopes to more fully understand the overtime allocation within the Police Department.

Mrs. Pesce requested an update on the current budget to expenditures as they pertain to snow removal and treatment. Ms. Proulx stated that the City is approximately \$140,000 over budget, but indicated that there is an offset in vacancy savings within the Street and Parks Departments that amounts to approximately \$145,000. Mayor Carbone explained that the vacancy savings have resulted from a hiring freeze that was implemented almost immediately after approving the budget.

Mr. Anderson welcomed Mr. Boynton and Ms. Reichen as new Members of the Board of Finance.


Ms. Reichen stated that she is hoping to become more familiar with the Board's work and its Members.

Mr. Ferreira welcomed Mr. Boynton and Ms. Reichen and asked when the City budget will become available to the Board of Finance. The Assistant Clerk stated that it was sent to the Board via email on Friday, March 16, 2018 and Mayor Carbone explained what was sent to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Reichen, seconded by Mr. Boynton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST:   
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK