

BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Council President Visconti at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Visconti called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll.
Present: Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti. Absent: Mayor Schwager, Councilwoman Stagg. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Councilman Visconti announced this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and included in the schedule of regular meetings.

Councilman Jensen explained that the Recreation Commission could not get to the meeting until 8:00 pm. Since they are the only Department on tonight's agenda, the meeting will be adjourned until that time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti.

MEETING RECONVENED:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:53 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti. Absent: Councilwoman Stagg. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator.

RECREATION:

Recreation Chairman Mike Guadagnino and Treasurer Neil Malmud were in attendance to discuss the Recreation budget. Mr. Malmud explained that the entire Recreation budget for Salaries and Other Expenses is \$477,660 which is approximately \$ 2,700 less than 2013. This is due to lower enrollments. Some sports increased and others decreased. He explained that the travel baseball line can be decreased by \$3,800 since there are not as many travel teams this year. Mr. Guadagnino advised there are a lot of baseball teams. Recreation baseball participation increased 10% this year. Mr. Malmud advised there is an extra girls softball travel team this year.

There are a couple of new programs in summer sports. Mr. Guadagnino advised he met with the Indian Hills High School Athletic Director about making Oakland Recreation more of a feeder

program for high school sports. Mr. Gaudagnino explained that some additional sports camps are being added this summer for football, wrestling and volleyball.

Mr. Malmud advised that the Recreation fees approved had some changes. There was a decrease of \$5.00 in summer camp fees because t-shirts are not being given and must be purchased by the parent. There was a slight decline in enrollment for football so fees were increased to cover costs. Mr. Malmud explained that the football budget decreased. There was an increase in the soccer budget because better quality uniforms are being purchased this year. There is a decrease in the basketball budget due to lower enrollment. There is a decrease in the summer camp budget because of the t-shirts and the wrestling budget due to lower enrollment. There is a slight increase in roller hockey due to Franklin Lakes players participating in the program. The travel baseball budget is down \$3,800 so it is less than last year's budget. Travel softball budget is up due to a new team that was added. Mountain bike is a new program this year. Also new this year are the volleyball and football summer programs. Mr. Malmud advised that they are trying to prepare a soccer and wrestling program for the summer. He explained those programs were not anticipated in the summer. Mr. Kunze advised that we need to do an amendment.

Councilman Jensen questioned the special needs programs. Mr. Malmud explained the budget for special needs programs is mostly for trophies and flag football. Mr. Guadagnino advised that Recreation Commissioner Vivian King is taking on the special needs program and she is hoping to develop a big program. Mr. Malmud advised that different towns handle different sports for special needs children and Oakland handles flag football. The adult programs include basketball, volleyball and street hockey. Councilman Jensen asked about coaching background checks. Mr. Guadagnino advised that the three years is up at the end of this year so that budget line is increased to allow for all the coaches to get fingerprinted. He explained that they are going to apply for another grant.

Councilman Jensen thanked the Recreation Commissioners for their time. Councilman Kulmala advised that the girls softball coaches clinic was an extraordinary program. Mr. Guadagnino advised that it is an incredible team of Commissioners.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Kunze advised that the public hearing is scheduled for April 9th. Depending on certain factors, there are three scenarios that could happen. The Council may be able to adopt or they can amend the budget and adopt or they can amend and need a new hearing. We are waiting for clearance from Trenton.

He explained that the Fire Department other expenses budget needs to increase by \$3,000 for new IT support. Recreation had a net decrease of \$ 300. The alternate pension program, DCRP, was funded minimally from the beginning but that amount is increasing by \$ 3,250. The PERS and PFRS payments are decreasing by \$85,000. Revenue is down \$ 12,000. Overall there is a net decrease of \$68,000 to the budget that was introduced. He asked if anyone wants to address anything else. Councilman Visconti asked about the additional funding for the Library. Mr. Kunze responded it was included in the budget as introduced. It does not change the levy but it is a decision the Council should address.

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OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti.

Mr. Kunze asked how the Council wants to proceed with the amendment. Mayor Schwager asked what the timeline is from the State. Mr. Kunze responded we are waiting for an ok from the State. Councilman Visconti gave kudos to Mr. Kunze for all his hard work.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti.

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
May 14, 2014

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved
