

MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO JOINT BOARDS
May 16, 2011

1. Second Deputy Mayor Michael Ciacciarella called the **Special Meeting** to order at **6:32 p.m.** in the absence of Mayor Robert Mezzo (arrived 6:35 p.m.) and Deputy Mayor Tamath Rossi with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi, absent
M. Bronko
R. Burns
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky

L. Jackson
R. Neth
R. San Angelo, 6:39 p.m.
P. Scully, Sr.

PRESS:

A. Malik
R. DeRosa
L. Weschler

FINANCE BOARD:

R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
R. Gallant
M. Katra

J. Merrill, absent
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares, arrived 6:46 p.m., left 10:45 p.m.

RESIDENTS:

None

ALTERNATES:

K. Kiernan, 6:43 p.m.
J. Sampaio, left 12:34 a.m.
D. Sheridan, Jr.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

W. McAllister, Controller
J. Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent

OTHERS:

D. Heller, BOE
D. Brackett, BOE

2. Second Deputy Mayor Ciacciarella led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Second Deputy Mayor Ciacciarella turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairman Robert Butler, Jr. who appointed J. Sampaio in the absence of J. Merrill and D. Sheridan in the absence of N. Hein.
4. Chairman Butler stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$248,979**.

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Board of Education

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$57,000,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

D. Carten
M. Katra
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares

J. Sampaio
M. Bronko
R. Burns
L. Jackson
P. Scully, Sr.

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 7-11-0

Board of Education

Motion by D. Carten and seconded by R. San Angelo that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase by \$100,000) in the amount of \$57,100,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
M. Katra
D. Sheridan, Jr.
C. Ernsky
J. Sampaio
R. San Angelo

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
M. Bronko

R. Burns
M. Ciacciarella
L. Jackson
R. Neth
P. Scully, Sr.

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 7-11-0

For the record:

M. Ciacciarella “I’m not against putting more money into textbooks.”

Board of Education

Motion by D. Scinto and seconded by A. Pistarelli that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase by \$300,000) in the amount of \$57,300,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
M. Bronko
L. Jackson

OPPOSED:

D. Carten
M. Katra
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan, Jr.
R. Burns

M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo
P. Scully, Sr.

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 8-10-0

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Board of Education

Motion by M. Katra and seconded by D. Carten that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase by \$150,000) in the amount of \$57,150,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
M. Katra
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan, Jr.
R. Burns

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
M. Bronko

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 6-12-0

Board of Education

Motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase by \$200,000) in the amount of \$57,200,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli

M. Bronko
R. Burns
L. Jackson
R. Neth
P. Scully, Sr.

OPPOSED:

M. Katra
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. San Angelo

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 10-8-0

Town Hall Building

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$138,802.

Town Wide Activity

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$181,370.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
R. Gallant
D. Scinto

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
M. Katra
A. Pistarelli
J. Tavares
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan, Jr.
R. Burns

ABSTAIN:

None

M. Bronko was not present for the vote.

Motion failed 4-13-0

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Town Wide Activity

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by M. Katra that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted with specified changes (10% reduction in office supplies) in the amount of \$180,420.

D. Scinto opposed.

Chairman Butler recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Butler reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Department of Finance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$364,265.

Probate Court

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$13,189.

Elections

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$77,600.

Tax Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$239,588.

R. Gallant and R. Butler in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction in part time hours) in the amount of \$238,559.

R. Gallant opposed.

Property Assessment

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$210,000.

R. Mezzo opposed.

Building Inspector

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$190,469.

R. Mezzo opposed.

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Information Technology

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$175,819.

Motion opposed overwhelmingly not unanimously.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted with specified changes (10% reduction in operational supplies) in the amount of \$174,349.

D. Scinto, R. Burns, R. Gallant and J. Tavares opposed.

Town Clerk

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$220,847.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by M. Katra that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$25,959 retirement payout and \$286 in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$194,602.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

D. Scinto
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Bronko
R. San Angelo

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
R. Gallant
M. Katra
A. Pistarelli
J. Tavares

ABSTAIN:

None

J. Sampaio was not present for the vote.

Motion failed 4-13-0

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$286 reduction in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$220,561.

Motion passed overwhelmingly not unanimously.

Downtown Development

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$35,800.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

M. Katra and M. Ciacciarella opposed.

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Land Use

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$216,339.

RESULT OF VOTE

FOR

D. Carten
R. Gallant
A. Pistarelli
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
M. Bronko
R. Burns

OPPOSED

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
M. Katra
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Ciacciarella

ABSTAIN

None

Motion failed 7-11-0

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted with specified changes (10% reduction in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$216,314.

D. Scinto opposed.

Legal Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$285,000.

Estimated Wage Increases – Union

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Estimated Wage Increases – Union** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$27,963.

R. San Angelo opposed.

Human Resources

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$161,277.

J. Tavares, D. Scinto and R. Burns in favor.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted with specified changes (10% reduction in departmental goods) in the amount of \$161,177.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,040,509.

Motion unanimously opposed.

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Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$25,000 overtime, \$6,831 computer maintenance, \$830 departmental supplies and \$20,000 blight officer) in the amount of \$5,987,848.

Mayor Mezzo, D. Scinto, D. Sheridan, R. San Angelo and R. Neth opposed.

Fire Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,642,523.

Mayor Mezzo opposed.

Naugatuck Ambulance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Naugatuck Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$148,420.

Office of Emergency Management

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,000.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$15,250.

Eastside Fire Station

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$16,550.

Safety Patrol

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

Fire/Police

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

Chairman Butler recessed the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Chairman Butler reconvened the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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Chairman Butler appointed K. Kiernan in the absence of J. Tavares.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Social Services

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

Youth Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by M. Bronko that the **Youth Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$176,019.

D. Scinto and K. Kiernan in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Youth Services Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction in departmental and office supplies) in the amount of \$175,924.

D. Scinto opposed.

Visiting Nurses Association

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,188,542.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction \$500 copier maintenance and \$600 in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$1,187,442.

D. Scinto opposed.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,298,767.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$40 in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$6,298,727.

D. Scinto opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATIONAL

Street Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Street Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,076,361.

Motion unanimously opposed.

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VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Street Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$125 in departmental supplies, \$150 garage tools and \$27,700 tipping fees) in the amount of \$3,048,386 .

Park & Recreation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Park & Recreation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$931,235 .

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Park & Recreation Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$800 in departmental supplies) in the amount of \$930,435 .

Hop Brook Golf Course

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Hop Brook Golf Course Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of 400,504 .

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Hop Brook Golf Course Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$408 seasonal help and \$5,000 temporary help) in the amount of 395,096 .

K. Kiernan, R. Gallant and M. Katra opposed.

Senior Center

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$115,780 .

RESULT OF VOTE

FOR:

- R. Butler, Jr.
- D. Carten
- R. Gallant
- A. Pistarelli
- J. Sampaio
- K. Kiernan
- D. Sheridan, Jr.
- M. Bronko
- R. Burns
- C. Ernsky
- L. Jackson
- R. San Angelo
- P. Scully, Sr.

OPPOSED:

- M. Katra
- D. Scinto
- M. Ciacciarella
- R. Neth

ABSTAIN:

None

Mayor Mezzo was not present for the vote.

Motion carried 13-4-0

Engineering Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$324,604 .

R. Gallant and P. Scully in favor.

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Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction \$40 in office supplies) in the amount of \$324,564.

D. Scinto and K. Kiernan opposed.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$2,808,875.

Pensions

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$8,553,585.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$8,497,233.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$5,600) in the amount of \$8,491,633.

Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$947,663.

M. Bronko abstained.

General

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,260,037.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,222,243.

K. Kiernan, D. Sheridan, M. Katra and M. Bronko opposed.

Contingency

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$400,000.

R. San Angelo, R. Neth and M. Bronko opposed.

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Revenues

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Revenues Budget** be **accepted with changes** in the amount of **\$106,087,108**.

R. San Angelo, K. Kiernan, M. Katra, M. Ciacciarella, P. Scully and C. Ernsky opposed.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **12:43 a.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk