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City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Councilor Steve Stanganelli called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Roll was called, and present were Councilors Steve Stanganelli, Claudel Frederique, and Jessica Redfern

Also present: Chief of Staff Annmarie Casey, Amesbury Public Schools Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews, Director of Business Operations Joan Liporto, Assistant City Clerk Justin Kaiser

Minutes for Approval: February 20, 2024

Councilor Redfern made a motion to accept the minutes from February 20, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (3-0).

Communications & Updates

- No updates regarding the Review of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Results at this time

Public Comment:

- Amesbury Public Schools Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews and Director of Business and Operations Joan Liporto offer comments on 2024-026, 2024-027, and 2024-028 and summarizes what the allocated funds would be used for.

Public Comment is closed at 6:37.

Topics for Discussion:

2024-026 2024-026 An Order to appropriate \$310,396.12 from Free Cash to Amesbury Public Schools- Collective Bargaining Settlements for FY2024

- Read into record by Councilor Stanganelli.

Councilor Redfern made a motion to advance the Order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (3-0)

2024-027 An Order to appropriate \$106,678.15 from Free Cash to Amesbury Public Schools- Cashman Playground

- Read into record by Councilor Stanganelli.

Councilor Frederique made a motion to advance the Order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Redfern and passed unanimously (3-0)

2024-028 An Order to pay Prior Year Invoices from FY24 General Operating Budget

- Read into record by Councilor Stanganelli.
- Councilor Redfern asks about the need to pay these expenses from a prior year's operation. Chief of Staff Annmarie Casey offers a clarifying answer and gives context to the three departments that this is required from, the schools, Police Department, and Department of Public Works.

Councilor Redfern made a motion to advance the Order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (3-0)

2024-029 An Order to authorize renewal agreement between the City of Amesbury and ACTV - to expire June 30, 2032

- Read into record by Councilor Stanganelli.
- Chief of Staff Annmarie Casey is recognized and summarizes this proposal. It is stated that this proposal would shift the allocated budget for ACTV services between the administration and the schools from two-thirds/one-third to 70/30, with the administration receiving 70 percent of the budget. It is further stated that this is due to a surplus that the school side has run over the past few years due to a lesser need than previously allocated for. It is further stated that there is a clerical error on pages 5 and 6 that will be addressed.
- Councilor Stanganelli asks a clarifying question on if the funds will still be available to spend if ACTV were no longer available to provide programming services. Annmarie Casey states that the funds would still be available.

Councilor Redfern made a motion to advance the Order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (3-0)

Councilor Redfern made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Kaiser

April 9, 2024