

City of Woonsocket Budget Commission

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Working Session Minutes

June 28, 2012 3:00PM

City Hall, Third Floor - Harris Hall

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2012 and June 21, 2012

Motion was made by President Ward and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comment (3 Min. Max – 15 Min. Total)

Roland Michaud and Charles Lemoine addressed the Commission.

Agenda Item #3 – First Southwest Presentation

Maureen Gurghigian, Ray Murphy and Adam Krea, of First Southwest gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the city's credit

update.

Agenda Item #4 – Cash Flow Summary, Budget Planning Report, Timelines, City/School Purchases/Payments for Review, Purchasing Actions

Finance Director Thomas Bruce reviewed cash flow and accounts payable reports. Mr. Bruce and the Commission discussed approval of payments over \$15,000 and the budget planning report.

Motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by President Ward to approve all items, except the budget planning report, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #5 – Final Reading of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Carolyn Dias, Director of Finance at the Department of Education, addressed the Commission.

Motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by President Ward to approve Resolutions 7 through 11, with amendments to Resolution No. 10 to change the dollar amount to \$121,993,273 and to add to the end of the first paragraph, “as modified in the coming months in order to regain structural balance by either expenditure reductions or revenue increases or a combination of the two,” a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to amend Resolution No. 12 to add, "SECTION 2. The ratio of the commercial levy to total real estate levy shall be set at twenty-seven percent (27%) for FY 2013," a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Motion was then made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to approve Resolution No. 12 as amended, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #6 – School Layoff Notices Update and Summer Stipend Positions

After discussion by Schools Superintendent Giovanna Donoyan, motion was made by Commissioner Dutremble and seconded by President Ward to approve the extended year program, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Dutremble and seconded by President Ward to approve the summer school program, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Dutremble and seconded by Mayor Fontaine to approve the Twenty-First Century Grant, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #7 – Police Hiring and Related Items

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer and seconded by Commissioner Dutremble to postpone all hiring until there are openings in the January police academy class, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #8 – Other Commission Items

Richard Ackerman, Esq., attorney for the School Department, addressed the Commission regarding State law and funding of the School Department budget.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn

Upon motion of Chairman Sequino seconded by President Ward it is voted that the meeting be adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Attest: Andrea M. Bicki City Clerk