



City Council

Special Meeting

~ Final ~

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Monday, June 21, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Remote	
Jesse Lederman	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Gumercindo Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Remote	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	Vice President	Remote	
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Remote	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Remote	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Remote	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Remote	
Marcus J Williams	President	Remote	

II. Orders

1. Order (ID # 6295)

FY22 Budget - General Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Sarno presented FY 22 Budget. (03:00-18:55)

Councilor Walsh is proud to vote on the Budget & questioned if we can open the pools.

Councilor Whitfield highlighted the 311 staff, essential workers pay and TJO hiring more staff.

Councilor Whitfield made a motion to decrease \$200k from the over time budget.

Mayor Sarno is looking into all concerns councilor Whitfield brought up.

Councilor Ramos congratulates the finance team and mentions private ways in the city.

Mayor Sarno stated private ways differ when it comes to Chapter 90 funds (cannot utilize). A complete private way could be anywhere between \$25k-\$400k.

Chris Cignoli, DPW Director, gave a brief over on the private way budget- somewhere \$25-30 million.

Private ways are a funding issue and a huge liability to the city.

Councilor Ramos asked if there is a plan.

Mayor Sarno plans on using the strategy used in 2013 & 2014 where the city paved a number of private ways.

Councilor Brown mentioned getting something at the field area at Magazine Park and brought up senior issues/help/aide.

Councilor Lederman mentioned in the course of the private way issue, if the federal government passes the infrastructure bill that it'll be worth asking some of the state share into the city.

Mayor Sarno states it would have to be in a separate distinct fund.

Councilor Davila asked about the Cannabis Compliance Control.

Helen Caulton Harris, health commissioner, explained what they will be doing on the field.

Councilor Walsh mentioned the campanile structure being an issue.

Mayor Sarno and TJ Plante have been working on the issue and asked Councilor Walsh to call a maintenance development sub committee on it.

Councilor Whitfield brought up incidents for proposals from Pioneer Valley for prices management and gun violence illumination.

Councilor Fenton commented on the action of cutting the overtime budget (last year) - and asked what results they saw from the action and if it achieved. Fenton asks how does the issues relate to over time budget? Councilor Fenton intends to oppose.

Councilor Hurst stated the overtime cut did not increase police training.

Mayor Sarno explained to train- you must take officers off the streets-which require needing to pay officers overtime to make sure the streets are safe.

Councilor Hurst suggested an increase for both training & overtime.

Councilor Allen and Brown also oppose the motion.

Councilor Whitfield addressed the statistics from not cutting the budget in 2017,18 & 19 and how it also did not make a huge impact.

Councilor Ramos stated he supports the police but doesn't agree with how the money is being spent.

Councilor Gomez brought up train to prevent and out reaching into the community.

Councilor Whitfield withdrew the motion.

No further questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the order made by Councilor Fenton and seconded by Councilor Walsh.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 GF Schedule of Appropriations (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER: Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown,
 Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Motion To: Motion to cut \$840,000 from Facilities Budget

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made by Councilor Orlando Ramos and seconded by Councilor Justin Hurst.

RESULT: **DEFEATED [2 TO 11]**
MOVER: Orlando Ramos, Ward 8 Councilor
SECONDER: Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor
AYES: Orlando Ramos, Justin Hurst
NAYS: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Walsh,
 Davila, Fenton, Williams

Motion To: Motion to move to question

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
SECONDER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown,
 Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Motion To: Suspension of Rule 19

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Suspension of Rule 19 - Passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER: Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown,
 Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Motion To: Motion to cut 644.20 from Other Supplies

RESULT: **DEFEATED [2 TO 11]**
AYES: Tracye Whitfield, Justin Hurst
NAYS: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh,
 Davila, Fenton, Williams

2. Order (ID # 6296)

FY22 Budget Order - Revolving Funds

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of item #2

Motion made by Councilor Walsh, Seconded by Councilor Whitfield

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

3. Order (ID # 6297)

FY22 Budget Order - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Revenue to FY22 Estimated Revenues

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of item #3

Motion made by Councilor Gomez, Seconded by Councilor Brown

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
SECONDER:	Malo Brown, Ward 4 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

4. Order (ID # 6298)

FY22 Budget Order - Enterprise Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of item #4

Motion made by Councilor Whitfield, Seconded by Councilor Walsh

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 EF Sched A chart Updated 6.17.21 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams