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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
FY 2018-2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY
April 24, 2018
6:30 P.M**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 was called to order at 6:54 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Vincent F. Testa and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

WALLINGFORD 20/20

*In Attendance: Bob Devaney, Co-Chair
Christine Mansfield, Co-Chair
John Sullivan, Parade Chair*

Councilor Fishbein questioned a \$45,000 appropriation with no back-up. Mr. Sullivan replied it is for the parade and it is a total cost. Mr. Sullivan is looking for the \$100,000 for the parade the Mayor agreed on.

Councilor Fishbein stated he did not see in the minutes any talk about going to the town for \$45,000 for a parade. Mr. Sullivan wants to clarify that he was asked to put a budget together so he put the cost together for the parade at \$100,000. He stated he is putting together his team right now. He informed his team that he was going to the Mayor for money.

Councilor Fishbein stated I know you are doing fundraising and asked how much has been raised. Mrs. Mansfield stated \$20,000 was raised through Choate and Gaylord will be helping as well as Masonicare with fireworks.

Councilor Fishbein asked if any money was spent yet. Mrs. Mansfield answered yes \$7,500 for selling things at Celebrate Wallingford. Councilor Fishbein then asked how much money is in the bank. Mrs. Mansfield stated about \$6,500.

Mr. Sullivan stated his mission on this parade is to build a four hour parade and that it is a logistical challenge. He went on to state we need a Motorola communication system and we need the Durham Bus Company to work with. He stated we will do the best we can with what we get and that we have signed on the Saint Patrick's day Parade Chairman. He stated we will be looking for corporate solicitation dollars.

Christine Mansfield stated all money goes through the town we do not have our own bank account.

WALLINGFORD CENTER INC.

*In Attendance: Elizabeth Landow, Executive Director
Steven Lazarus*

Councilor Morgenstein asked what is the difference between WCI and Façade – Capital.

Ms. Landow stated the Façade-Capital is \$5,000 a year for outside design that we assist with for store owners and their facade.

Councilor Morgenstein inquired about Hubcap and asked what do you see that as coming to be in the future. Ms. Landow stated Hubcap is not a part of WCI and went on to state that we pay \$500 a month for rent to WCI. Councilor Morgenstein then asked for a breakdown of what the amount covers. Ms. Landow replied it covers her salary, rent and decorations.

Chairman Cervoni stated the breakdown of the budget can be found on the following page.

WCI FACADE/CAPITAL

*In Attendance: Elizabeth Landow, Executive Director
Steven Lazarus*

Councilor Fishbein thinks it's a concern that this is the last year we have a line item on this and it's a little over \$3,000. He wants to know why the whole \$5,000 wasn't used. Ms. Landow stated that they did use the \$5,000 and she thinks it's not showing yet. She went on to state they have used the entire \$5,000 this year already.

Mr. Lazarus stated he would be tempted to come back next year to the Council with a larger project and that would be great.

Councilor Fishbein asked what we are doing with the capital. Ms. Landow replied she would really like to buy aluminum poles instead of wooden poles every year. She also indicated she would like planters on the cemetery wall.

Councilor Fishbein stated he thought all the money was supposed to go to the benches last year. Ms. Landow stated that was two years ago.

Councilor LeTourneau wants to talk about the Façade improvement. He commented that the blade sign size is really working and gives a continuity of the signs.

Councilor LeTourneau asked how many flags we have. Ms. Landow indicated they have 189 poles which include American Flags, Celebration flags and Holiday Flags.

Councilor Zandri asked the cost difference between wooden poles and aluminum poles. Ms. Landow replied \$10 for a wooden pole and \$24 for an aluminum pole.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded


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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

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