

The sixth budget workshop was held on Monday, May 4, 1987 called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 8:35 p.m. Council Members Adams, Gouveia, Killen, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert were present, along with Mr. Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. Council Members Bergamini and Holmes were not present.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM, page 47 A/C 1540

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 47 as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Roe explained that the change in the budget is from \$8,898. to \$10,146. The change is explained in two ways. One is that, \$3.37 an hour does not cut it anymore, high school kids are not attracted to this and the reason that the Mayor increased the budget is that for the last 3 years, we have not been able to attract college students. The Mayor was interested in bringing a person on board to begin the work, addressing record retention and record removal in anticipation of the move to Robert Earley.

Mr. Killen asked who was going to oversee this and Mr. Roe explained that they have to get state permission. We have to identify what records will be destroyed and all of them have to be signed.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gouveia who passed; motion duly carried.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM, page 154 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 154, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gouveia who passed; motion duly carried.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, page 114 A/C 7030

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 114, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen pointed out that the first two line items do not have any expenditures (lines 4080 - Postage, and 4180 - Printing) and Mr. DiNoia explained that the postage has been reduced. We usually use it out of the postage machine and at the end of the year, we take that postage and turn it back to the town. Regarding the Printing, we have not done any extra printing because we didn't have a budget to work with.

Mr. Polanski asked what was being planned to be done regarding Promotional Expenses and Mr. DiNoia explained that they have been working with other groups to try to keep their image out there and they have been receptive to us. This year, we plan on emphasizing a little bit of our time into commercial development, being that the town has a prime investment in downtown revitalization.

Mrs. Papale asked Mr. DiNoia if he thought it hurt the town by not advertising this past year and Mr. DiNoia explained that he thinks it has. Mr. Powell added that in order to attract companies of a good size, good employment, you need to have a plan. Some of the things that we are involved in, isn't just new companies, it's retention of present companies.

Mrs. Papale asked what they were going to do with the \$10,000 and Mr. Roe explained that they have not done much in terms of retail solicitation in downtown and other areas in town. I would see us spending some effort beginning to address retail commercial development in downtown and in our community.

Mr. Powell added that this is the only Commission that you get something back from. For \$10,000, if you get one business that generates over the next 10, 20 or 30 years, \$1 million dollars worth of revenue for the taxpayer, I think that is a good investment.

Mr. Killen commented that we see these places coming in and feeding off of one another, there have been so many changes made to accommodate the industry and then the industry hasn't come forth, even though the accommodation was made. Mr. Powell added that the other part of their project is, retention.

Mr. Rys asked how they stand regarding the people's feelings on what direction they want to go with their town and Mr. Roe explained that basically, you have a choice between residential development and commercial development along with industrial development. Residential costs the community money. For every kid that you bring in, what are you paying per kid to educate, about \$4,200.

Mr. Rys added that he would like to make sure that he is doing the right thing for Wallingford and he is not against this money for promotional expenses, he does not want to see another New York City here, 20 years from now.

Mr. Powell explained that they work within the confines of what the Planning and Zoning has set forth for industrial property, commercial property, etc.

Mr. Gessert commented that on behalf of the Council, they are hearing from people who want to know when all of this is going to stop.

Mr. Gouveia suggested that they should find out what the people of Wallingford really want and asked them if they are happy with the type of development that is going on, and Mr. Powell explained that in order to do a study like that, you have to present the facts to the people in the right manner. They have to be aware of how much taxes are taken in from residential services. They have to then know how much tax is being taken in from the industrial service and the commercial side. I think they will be surprised when they see that picture.

Mr. Gessert stated that the Mayor pointed out at the Public Hearing on the budget, people are concerned about mill rates and how much governments cost. He pointed out the increase in the Grand List and how much revenue was generated by that increase. He also pointed out, that the increase in the Board of Education requests, more than surpasses the amount generated by the increase in the Grand List. The increase from the Board of Education alone, which is mostly salary accounts, is more than what is generated by all of the additional tax revenue.

Mrs. Papale asked what will they be doing differently than they did before.

Mr. Roe explained that they would be more targeted on retail.

Mr. DiNoia added that they really haven't gotten any concrete idea as to what we are going to do with it. First of all, we did not know what we were going to have for a budget to work with, we didn't delve into it that far because we didn't know if we would have a budget to work with. The town has an investment, investing in downtown revitalization. We want to emphasize that, upgrade that community. You are putting money into it, let's get something out of it. Housing and the Board of Education are eating up the money.

Mr. Adams commented that he likes the concept of the survey and also support the concept of trying to occupy the vacant existing buildings right now which I think is very important.

Mr. Killen pointed out that the problem with downtown is, that most of them do not own their own buildings.

Mr. Powell added that they need financing to do those buildings downtown and anybody with the money will do it, and you help the retailer. Mr. Killen did not agree with Mr. Powell's comments.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND BUDGET, page 26-27

Mr. Roe explained that General Revenue Sharing was an \$800,000 payment to the community that is no longer being made to the community. We do have some under-runs from previous years that are being carried forward into next fiscal year and are spent for lighting and uniform fiscal year financing. This entails the entire amount of those funds at \$364, 850. What that presented us with, is what to do with the balance of the departments and items that had been previously supported by Federal Revenue Sharing. We moved the Program Planning Office into the General Fund (page 36), we moved the Food Programs and the contribution to the Youth Service Bureau to page 80 and 80-A, Social Services Contribution.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept pages 28-29, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen commented that we are not getting any Federal Revenue Sharing and this budget has gone up \$21,000. Mr. Roe explained that it is not actually \$21,000. In the past, in the Youth Service Bureau, there were 2 budgets. Starting with this next fiscal year, we are now going to have a unified Youth Service Bureau. So, the number that you were working with in terms of current year appropriation, is not necessarily the bottom line. The total for this current fiscal year is \$87,119.

Mr. Killen asked where the balance is expended from the \$72,000 and Ms. Barracato-Camire explained that the \$72,000 is the grant and the match, it does not include the remainder of the general revenue sharing, and is expended throughout the budget, mostly under contractual. Mr. Killen added that these do not appear in the present budget.

Referring to page 27, Mr. Myers explained, that starting at Crisis Intervention and run down through Parents Anonymous, are not in the grant fund. They are only in revenue sharing.

Mr. Polanski asked to have the increase in salaries explained and Mr. Roe explained that this is their gross budget. What you do not see here, is the grant from DCYS that offsets some of these line item costs.

Mr. Roe explained to Mr. Polanski that the total cost for the Town of Wallingford, after you deduct the grant from the state will be \$27,666, plus another 4%.

Mr. Killen asked what the contractual services were and Ms. Barracato-Camire explained that they are; Drug and Alcohol Counseling Child Abuse for Prevention project, the Boys and Girls Club, Battered Women's Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Before and After School Program, Citizens for Drug Free Youth, Catholic Family Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Wallingford and Sexual Crisis Service. A Board reviews all of the proposals for the year and then they decide on an amount. The grant is broken up into 2 parts. There is an Administrative Core Unit, which deals with the research development, etc. and then the other part of the grant is direct service, and they use a formula based on the population and the youth population, for direct service, and it is an non-competitive grant.

Mr. Gessert asked to have the AM/PM Program explained and Ms. Barracato-Camire explained that this is a before and after program for school sponsored through the Day Care Center and they operate out of Simpson School right now. They service anywhere from 50-75 youths during the school year. Mr. Gessert asked if the parents pay for this service and Ms. Barracato-Camire explained that this is a sliding scale, and most of them are single parent working women.

Mr. Gessert commented that he served on some committees with Ms. Barracato-Camire in the past and when you look at the types of programs that are involved and the type of costs that they have, you also have to look at what it costs to run these programs. A lot of the people that are involved all serve for free. I think the cost of doing these programs is exceedingly minimal when you look at the total number of people served vs. the actual cost. A lot of volunteer work goes into these programs and I commend you for the amount of production you get with the dollars that you have to work with.

Mr. Adams asked to have the Crisis Intervention Program explained and Ms. Barracato-Camire explained that what this program does, besides providing counseling to the families, and children who are at risk, they also have a prevention program in the school system where they teach the kids and train the teachers to present a safety curriculum, which is personnel safety. This is from the Child Guidance Clinic in Meriden. They present this program and instead of us providing it in-house, we contract with them.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Referring to page 80-A, Mr. Roe explained that the number on the Contribution for the Youth Service Bureau, that should be \$71,967.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to change the amount on line 6881, page 80-A to \$71,967, seconded by Mrs. Papale..

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PROGRAM PLANNING OFFICE, page 36 A/C 1302

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 36, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert commented that Mrs. Papale brought up the question related to the revenue sharing. On page 26, it shows \$99,850 in Street Lighting and she asked if this was related to the Public Works Street Lighting. Mr. Myers explained that they are not related. The 2 accounts, Street Lighting and the UFY, are the monies that are transferred into the revenue budget and you will see it on account 585 on page 16. We have to categorize for Federal Revenue Sharing compliance standards, what expenditures we support with revenue sharing. We are saying that we support the UFY and Street Lighting to the tune of \$364,850. Some of the money comes from taxation and some of it comes from revenue sharing. We only pay a street lighting bill out of the Public Works account.

Referring to the UFY account, Mr. Myers explained that we have about 8 years to go and in 1975 or 1976, we decided that we were going to sell bonds to finance half of the budget. The people, at that time, sold \$6 million dollars worth of town bonds to give out $\frac{1}{2}$ years property taxes to convert the town onto the uniform tax schedule that is mandated by state statute, which is a July collection date and a January collection date.

Mr. Killen asked why the telephone expenses was increased and Mr. Roe stated that it is because of the Robert Earley move.

Mr. Killen asked what Mr. Hamel's position was and Mr. Roe explained that he is a grant employee.

Mr. Myers explained that the difference between Mr. Roe and Mr. Hamel is, Mr. Hamel is only part time.

Mr. Roe explained, that in moving the Program Planning and what financial for continuing that, its to put it into the General Fund , then that becomes a classified listing.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PROGRAM PLANNER, page 151 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 1302

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 151, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Rys asked what the difference was in the salary account and Mr. Roe explained that he came before the Council in February, which was several months after Management Union increases (retros) were done. What the budget does not reflect, is the addition of that retro payment that the Council approved. Back in February, I came before you to have Ms. Barracato-Camire and myself allocated the funds from our budgets so as to keep us on parady with the management union. Take budget is never adopted until after we set our mill rate. What we thought we would do, because we are faced with the costs of Robert Earley, we would take this new grant, and if it comes to reality, and the town does receive it, we would pass it through to the Capital and Non-Recurring Program where I intend to finance or support Robert Earley. The basic financial plan for Robert Earley is, we've committed \$2.5 million dollars toward the building and we are going to have to recoup \$850,000 from the sale of our properties here. I would like to see if we could pay off the \$1.7 million in cash and then use this \$400,000 coming down in the form of this state grant as a pass-through into Capital and Non-Recurring to maybe defray some of the other costs in Robert Earley which have not been defined yet, such as road improvements, parking, etc., to go into that building. The moving for example, has to be a substantial amount. Take my operation down, get it all packed up, and move it over to Robert Earley, will have to cost a lot of money. The other nice part about that is, if we use those funds, it will reduce whatever bonding that we do face. Right now, I cannot get a handle on that. These figures that I gave you are just round figures. The Board of Education was

\$87,000 short last year and we had to eat that this year. There were \$87,000 in education grants that we did not get. We anticipated higher than we were going to get. If you look on page 22 and 23, you will see that as of July 1 1987, we have \$6,660,000 in bonds outstanding in this Capital and Non-Recurring Fund. If you look on page 25, you will see as of July 1, 1987, we had an additional \$2.6 million dollars of four series of notes that are due to go out to bonding at some point. So, the \$6 million dollars will go down by the payments and go up by the new bonds that we will be issuing, because the Capital and Non-Recurring is a revolving bond fund to improve our Infrastructure. I did some numbers to work out for the bonding and I estimate, in the next 3 to 4 years, that Wallingford is going to be looking at a minimum of \$29 million dollars in new bonding to a maximum of \$36 million dollars, not counting more than \$1 million dollars for Robert Earley. We will also bond the asbestos removal, the handicapped in the schools, the Parker Farms School, 86/87 and 87/88 Capital and Non-Recurring, which you see here is \$800,000 each, the \$410,000 for Landfill, the Water Plant which they are now talking \$15 million to \$18 million dollars in water treatment plant bonding, which I picked up when the PUC was here the other night. When they come forward with a Water Plant, they are going to look to have part of that Water Plant paid by the Property Tax Rate. I don't think that this is anything that Wallingford can't handle. This is where our costs are going to be, in this bonding and these projects that move forward.

VOTE: Adams, Gouveia, Killen, Papale and Gessert voted yes.
Polanski and Rys voted no.
motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to change page 21, Contribution from Electric Division from \$920,000 to \$1,000,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to change account 1300, Tax Equiv Elec Div, page 14 from \$920,000 to \$1,000,000., seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to change Contribution to Town from \$920,000 to \$1,000,000, page 8, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 129 as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Myers to explain carry-forward and Mr. Myers explained that they are carrying it forward under the Town Charter provision that says Capital from whatever source derived, can be carried forward for a period of three years. I think it is meant for structures and permanent improvements, I don't think it is meant for fire trucks, police cars, but they read the Charter back then, in such a manner, that they put it in for desks, chairs, and anything that they called capital.

Mr. Killen agreed with Mr. Myers when he stated that he thought it was meant for structures and permanent improvements, and he added that he plans to get the Ordinance changed 55-45 and carrying forward will be taken away.

TOWN COUNCIL, page 30 A/C 1110

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 30, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Rys asked Mr. Gessert to explain the amount in line 7990, Seminars & Dues and Mr. Gessert explained that this group should be able to go to seminars or anything educational.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to increase line 6040, Secretarial Services, 11% (\$1.00 an hour per Secretary), seconded by Mr. Killen. 363

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (motion to move page 30)

TOWN COUNCIL, page 151- Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations

A motion was made to move page 151 by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the Sixth Budget Workshop adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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