

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
2nd READING OF CITY GOVERNMENT BUDGET
JUNE 23, 2020**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Doris Ortiz, Marc Lessard

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Add Workshop immediately following this meeting

Consideration of Minutes: **June 18, 2020**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the budget orders and first readings, see the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 18, 2020}

SECOND READING OF CITY GOVERNMENT BUDGET – 2020/2021

- **General Government**
- **Public Safety**
- **Public Works**
- **Public Services**
- **Debt Service**
- **Capital Outlays**
- **Contingency**
- **Total City Budget**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to amend the budget by removing \$50,000 from Contingency and putting it back in the General Government line.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Lessard opposed.

Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor. Amendment carries.

Vote on order, as amended: 6/3; Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr and Quattrone opposed.

Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Ortiz and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

ESTIMATED REVENUES/FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION

- **Other Non-Property Tax Revenue**
- **State Revenue Sharing**
- **Homestead**
- BETE**
- **Appropriations from Operational Surplus, City**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Lessard opposed.

Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor.

Motion carries.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 6/3; Councilors St. Cyr, Quattrone and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor. Motion carries.

MOORING FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 6/3; Councilors St. Cyr, Quattrone and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor. Motion carries.

POOL BEACH PERMITS FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 6/3; Councilors St. Cyr, Quattrone and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor. Motion carries.

RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

PARKING FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Ready opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ortiz and Lessard in favor. Motion carries.

AMBULANCE FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors St. Cyr and Quattrone opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Ortiz and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

SEWER OPERATIONS FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 6/3; Councilors McCurry, Quattrone and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor. Motion carries.

MDEA FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Clearwater opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Belanger, Ready, Ortiz and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

PEOPLE RECOVER PROGRAM FUND

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

REVISED ORDER

2020 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 23, 2020

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$472,281 for the **CDBG FUND** for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of \$469,231 in estimated revenues to the CDBG Fund be hereby adopted in support of the **CDBG Fund** appropriation and other approved CDBG projects.

Note: FY2020 Carryover to cover shortfall

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2020

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 18, 2020

BE IT ORDERED, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A Section 506, the Tax Collector/Treasurer is authorized to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed or prior to any due date and pay no interest thereon. In accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at the annual rate of ~~5.00%~~ **4.00%**.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the order to change 5.00% to 4.00%.

Vote: Unanimous.

Vote on order, as amended: Unanimous.

2020

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 18, 2020

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Assessor be authorized to commit property taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 in the total sum of \$48,150,602 with \$1,323,152 raised for County Taxes, \$23,245,570 raised for School/Educational use, \$25,499,459 raised for Municipal use, and \$1,564,442 raised for TIF funding use, less estimated State Revenue Sharing and direct State aid for tax relief of \$3,482,021, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that said Property Tax Commitment shall be payable in two equal installments on October 9, 2020 and April 8, 2021 with any odd amount to be due on the first installment, and that interest shall be collected at the rate of 8.00% per annum on any taxes remaining unpaid after each respective installment date.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to accept voluntary prepayments on property taxes and to pay interest on these voluntary prepayments at the rate of 0% per annum.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that said Property Tax Commitment be recommended to be at the rate of \$20.05 per \$1,000 of Property Valuation, based on a positive vote of the School Budget Validation Referendum at the July 14, 2020 Election

Note: Overlay to be added after commitment by Assessor

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the order by adding to the last sentence, "based on a positive vote of the School Budget Validation Referendum at the July 14, 2020 Election."

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Quattrone opposed.

Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ortiz and Lessard in favor.
Amendment carries.

Vote on order, as amended: 5/4; Councilors St. Cyr, McCurry, Quattrone and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor.
Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk

