

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2021

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held in-person in the Council Chambers, as well as virtually (via ZOOM),

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

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

Doris Ortiz was excused.

The Council, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Hearing: FY22 Proposed City Government Budget

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

A few citizens addressed their comments to the Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

Orders of the Day:

2021.48

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the raising of a Pride Flag on the City Hall flagpole for the month of June in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to table the order until the City Solicitor has had a chance to advise.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the order that one day be picked on which to fly the flag.

Vote: 3/4; Councilors Lessard, McCurry and Emhiser in favor.

Councilors St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready opposed.

Motion to amend fails.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to table the order until the City Solicitor has had a chance to advise.

Vote: 4/3; Councilors Lessard, McCurry, Emhiser and St. Cyr in favor.

Councilors Clearwater, Belanger and Ready opposed.

Motion carries.

FIRST READING OF CITY GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR FY22

2021

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$35,933,366** for the CITY GENERAL FUND budget excluding Schools, Adult Education, TIF Funding and County Tax for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, broken down as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$11,718,167
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$10,548,871
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 4,998,016

PUBLIC SERVICES	\$2,696,282
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,422,031
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$ 1,750,000
CONTINGENCY	\$ 800,000
TOTAL	\$35,933,366

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

Motion by Councilor St. Cyr, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend by taking half of the \$602,500 for suggested Capital, Reserves in order to reduce the FY22 tax rate.
Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Councilor St. Cyr, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend by reducing Capital Outlays to \$1.5 million in the FY22 budget.
Vote: 2/5; Councilors St. Cyr and McCurry in favor.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Lessard opposed.
Motion fails.

Motion by Councilor St. Cyr, seconded by Councilor McCurry to reduce the Contingency to \$500,000 in the FY22 budget.
Vote: 3/4; Councilors Lessard, St. Cyr and McCurry in favor.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready opposed.
Motion fails.

Vote on first reading of order: 4/3; Councilors Lessard, St. Cyr and McCurry opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready in favor.
Motion carries.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby adopt the following estimated revenues and appropriations from fund balance in support of the general fund budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

City Estimated Revenues:

Other Non-Property Tax Revenue:	\$ 8,897,370
State Revenue Sharing:	\$ 3,125,000
Homestead:	\$ 1,140,582
BETE:	\$ 397,232
Appropriations from Operational Surplus, City:	\$ 300,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 13,860,184

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

Motion by Councilor St. Cyr, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the order by increasing the Use of Prior Year Surplus by \$250,000.
Vote: 3/4; Councilors St. Cyr, Lessard and McCurry in favor.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready opposed.
Motion fails.

Vote on first reading of order: 4/3; Councilors Lessard, McCurry and St. Cyr opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready in favor.
Motion carries.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of, f **\$252,119** for the Biddeford Airport comprised of \$252,119 for the AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND and \$0 in reimbursable grant expenses for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that estimated revenues to the Biddeford Airport Fund in the sum of **\$212,131** comprised of \$212,131 for the AIPORT OPERTIONS FUND and \$0 for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND be hereby adopted in support of the Biddeford Airport appropriation.

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

Vote: 5/2; Councilors Lessard and St. Cyr opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready in favor.
Motion carries.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$57,360** for the MOORING FEES FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$41,000** in estimated revenues to the Mooring Fees Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Mooring Fees Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: 4/3; Councilors St. Cyr, McCurry and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready in favor.
Motion carries.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$171,779** for the POOL BEACH PERMITS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$121,000** in estimated revenues to the Pool Beach Permits Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Pool Beach Permits Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: 6/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.
Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL.. JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$793,229** for the RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$802,847** in estimated revenues to the Recreation Programs Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Recreation Programs Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$1,671,726** for the AMBULANCE FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$1,425,000** in estimated revenues to the Ambulance Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Ambulance Fund appropriation.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$790,995** for the CDBG PROGRAM FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$790,995** in estimated revenues to the CDBG PROGRAM FUND be hereby adopted in support of the CDBG Program appropriation.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$1,177,463** for the LEAD PROGRAM FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$1,177,463** in estimated revenues to the LEAD PROGRAM FUND be hereby adopted in support of the Lead Program appropriation.

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

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$270,767** for the MDEA FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$266,431** in estimated revenues to the MDEA FUND be hereby adopted in support of the MDEA FUND appropriation.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JUNE 7, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$5,564,023** for the SEWER OPERATIONS FUND for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and detailed as follows:

Sewer Operations:	\$3,359,447
Industrial Pretreatment:	\$ 40,925
Maintenance:	\$ 1,017,271
Depreciation:	<u>\$1,146,380</u>
Total	<u>\$5,564,023</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$4,289,549** in estimated revenues to the Biddeford Sewer Operations Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Sewer Operation Fund appropriation.

Sewer User Fees	\$3,532,749
Other Revenue	\$ 156,800
Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Total	\$4,289,549

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

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:56 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk