

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
1ST READING OF CITY GOVERNMENT BUDGET
MAY 18, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Michael Swanton, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Bob Mills, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Laura Seaver, Marc Lessard

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

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

City Manager, James Bennett gave a presentation on where the budget stands now, after the work of the Budget Committee. Budget Committee ended up making a little over a million dollar reduction on the proposed budget. He explained that the State has significantly cut the revenue sharing allocated to the City over the past few years. The budget is currently at a rate of \$.46 on the tax rate or 2.32% increase. 50% of homes in the community will see a drop in their tax bill (with median home of \$236,000).

Public Hearing: FY18 City Government Budget

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Folks from the Biddeford Historical Society, McArthur Library and the Conservation Commission spoke and urged the Council to fully fund their respective budget requests.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

The Chair took a 10-minute recess.

Orders of the Day:

2017

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$31,537,575** for the CITY GENERAL FUND budget excluding Schools, Adult Education, TIF Funding and County Tax for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, broken down as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 10,773,954
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 9,806,612
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 4,531,210
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$ 1,197,725
SOCIAL & MUNICIPAL SERVICES	\$ 711,167
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,000,979
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$ 1,515,547
TOTAL	\$ 31,537,575 <u>\$31,437,575 (in</u> <u>personnel costs)</u>

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

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend by reducing one person per department and determining what that average amount per position would be; and further, to direct the City Manager to make the determination on where those cuts should come from.
Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to amend by reducing by one position, or by \$100,000, whichever is less.

Vote: 5/4; Councilor Seaver, Ready, Belanger and Mills opposed.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ready to amend the Social Service budget by reverting back to the original City Manager request of \$742,640.
Vote: 3/6; Councilors Belanger, Mills and Quattrone in favor.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Ready, Seaver and Lessard opposed.
Motion fails.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to amend by increasing the Public Safety line by \$50,000 (\$40,000 in Overtime and \$10,000 in turnout gear).
Vote: 3/6; Councilors Ready, Seaver and Belanger in favor.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills and Lessard opposed.
Motion fails.

Vote on order, as amended in the amount of \$31,437,575 –
5/4; Councilors Seaver, Ready, Belanger and Mills opposed.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone and Lessard in favor.
1st reading carries.

2017 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017**
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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

	Non-School:	\$ 9,454,943
	Education:	\$ 359,677
	Adult Education:	\$ 306,014
	State Revenue Sharing	\$ 1,360,000
	State Allocation to Education:	\$ 11,589,138
APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE, EDUCATION:		\$ 1,336,377
APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE, CITY:		\$ 0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE:		\$ 24,406,149

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

2017 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$774,256** for the Biddeford Airport comprised of \$304,256 for the AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND and \$440,000 in reimbursable grant expenses for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that estimated revenues to the Biddeford Airport Fund in the sum of **\$618,627** comprised of \$200,627 for the AIPORT OPERTIONS FUND and \$418,000 for the AIRPORT REIMBURSA**2017**

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

Vote: Unanimous.

BLE IMPROVEMENT FUND be hereby adopted in support of the Biddeford Airport appropriation.

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

Vote: 6/3; Councilors St. Cyr, Lessard and Ready opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$430,901** for the CDBG FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$505,787** in estimated revenues to the CDBG Fund be hereby adopted in support of the CDBG Fund appropriation and other approved CDBG projects.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Seaver to allow Councilor Ready to abstain from this vote.

Vote; Unanimous.

Vote: Unanimous, with Councilor Ready in abstention.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$266,826** for the COMMUNITY TV CENTER FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$268,200** in estimated revenues to and use of Fund Balance from the Community TV Center Fund be hereby adopted in support of the above Community TV Center Appropriations.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Swanton to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$42,914** for the MOORING FEES FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$40,600** in estimated revenues to the Mooring Fees Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Mooring Fees Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: 8/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$129,009** for the POOL BEACH PERMITS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$96,000** in estimated revenues to the Pool Beach Permits Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Pool Beach Permits Fund appropriation.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$575,861** for the RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$563,905** in estimated revenues to the Recreation Programs Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Recreation Programs Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 18, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$4,755,958** for the SEWER OPERATIONS FUND for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and detailed as follows:

Sewer Operations:	\$3,902,737
Industrial Pretreatment	\$ 66,479
Maintenance:	\$ 786,742

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$4,491,953** in estimated revenues to the Biddeford Sewer Operations Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Sewer Operation Fund appropriation.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Seaver to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors St. Cyr and McCurry opposed.

Councilors Swanton, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor Swanton to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 8:58 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk