

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2019**

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., Amy Clearwater, 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.

Public Hearing: 2019/2020 Proposed City Government & School Department Budgets

Mayor Casavant opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Casavant explained that each speaker will have 3 minutes to speak. All comments on the budgets will be heard during this time; and only if and when amendments are made, the public will be able to speak further on the budget orders.

A few citizens addressed their concerns about increasing property taxes; expressed their support for the McArthur Library and urged the Council to fund the Library's full budget request; asked for support for the Biddeford Mills Museum and the Biddeford Cultural Heritage Center budget requests; and suggested that the City invest in cycling initiatives throughout the City.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager, James Bennett gave a recap of the final budget figures that came out of the Budget Committee process.

Orders of the Day:

2019

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019

WHEREAS, the Maine Dept. of Education has determined the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, for Biddeford, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act to be **\$29,869,454.**

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does appropriate and will raise the sum of **\$18,708,384** for the Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education for kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2019

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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does appropriate and will raise the sum of **\$2,601,748** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the City Council for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the City of Biddeford's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters.

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council will raise and appropriate **\$1,346,236** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,346,236** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Biddeford School Committee.

The Biddeford School Committee recommends **\$1,346,236** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,346,236**.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Biddeford budget for educational programs.

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby authorize the Biddeford School Committee to expend **\$38,254,794** or the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the City of Biddeford’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools, and broken down as follows:

REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$13,723,077
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 6,499,105
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,308,562
OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$ 666,875
STUDENT & STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 2,416,020
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,059,461
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,635,813
TRANSPORTATION & BUSES	\$ 1,624,714
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,603,468
DEBT SERVICE & OTHER COMMITMENTS	\$ 3,703,651
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,048
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	<u>\$38,254,794</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the School Department is authorized to accept grant funds during the fiscal year and to expend such funds for the purposes for which they are intended.

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$689,478** for ADULT EDUCATION for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and does hereby appropriate and will raise the local share for ADULT EDUCATION in the amount of **\$389,517**.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Biddeford Adult Education is authorized to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the wellbeing of the Adult Education Program.

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum **\$1,301,708** for School FOOD SERVICE (“Hot Lunch”) for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$1,301,708** in estimated revenues is adopted in support of FOOD SERVICE, with a local share for FOOD SERVICE in the amount of \$0.

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

School Estimated Revenue:	
Education:	\$ 373,930
Adult Education:	\$ 299,961
State Allocation to Education:	\$ 13,847,109
Appropriations from Fund Balance, Education:	\$ 1,377,387
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE:	\$ 15,898,387

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$33,051,372** for the CITY GENERAL FUND budget excluding Schools, Adult Education, TIF Funding and County Tax for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, broken down as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$11,471,902
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$10,240,913
PUBLIC WORKS	\$4,790,546
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$1,302,417
SOCIAL & MUNICIPAL SERVICES	\$917,317
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,866,730
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$1,515,547
TOTAL	\$ 33,051,372

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

City Estimated Revenues:

	Non-School:	\$ 7,754,552
	State Revenue Sharing:	\$ 1,830,000
	Homestead:	\$ 835,415
	BETE:	\$ 365,000
	Appropriations from Fund Balance, City:	\$ 0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE:		\$ 10,784,967

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

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$5,424,060** for the Biddeford Airport comprised of \$260,810 for the AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND and \$5,163,250 in reimbursable grant expenses for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that estimated revenues to the Biddeford Airport Fund in the sum of **\$5,150,593** comprised of \$245,505 for the AIPORT OPERTIONS FUND and \$4,905,088 for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND be hereby adopted in support of the Biddeford Airport appropriation.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: 6/3; Councilors St. Cyr, Lessard and Quattrone opposed.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.
Motion carries.

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$462,200** for the CDBG FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$462,200** 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 McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2019 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$280,647** for the COMMUNITY TV CENTER FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$280,700** 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 McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Lessard and McCurry opposed.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver 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 **\$46,490** for the MOORING FEES FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$41,800** 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 Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

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

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 8, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$148,824** for the POOL BEACH PERMITS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$99,500** 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 Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors St. Cyr and Quattrone.

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

Motion carries.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 8, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$749,710** for the RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$721,129** 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 8, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$199,136** for the PARKING FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$294,140** in estimated revenues to the Parking Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Parking Fund appropriation.

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

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Seaver opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$1,540,000** for the AMBULANCE FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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 McCurry, seconded by councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the order.

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

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

Motion carries.

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 8, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$4,448,001** for the SEWER OPERATIONS FUND for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and detailed as follows:

Sewer Operations:	\$2,480,875
Industrial Pretreatment	\$ 67,764
Maintenance:	\$ 857,832
Depreciation	<u>\$1,041,530</u>
Total	<u>\$4,448,001</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$4,532,096** in estimated revenues to the Biddeford Sewer Operations Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Sewer Operation Fund appropriation.

Sewer User Fees	\$3,758,045
Other Revenue	\$ 174,051
Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Total	<u>\$4,532,096</u>

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

Vote: 8/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Casavant thanked City Manager, Jim Bennett and the City Staff for all their work on putting together the proposed budget. He noted that the Budget Committee worked diligently for about two months and had done a lot of work to bring in a reasonable and responsible budget. He also recognized Finance Director, Cheryl Fournier for being the driving force behind the process.

He went on to remind folks that the City budget is partly crafted at the mercy of the State Government. Because of this, the loss of State Revenue Sharing over the years has really served as a detriment to the City, and ultimately, to the taxpayers.

He ended with a big thank you to the City Council for their foresight and support to make the tough decisions to work towards revitalization of the downtown and other development throughout the City.

NOTE: The 2nd Reading of the City Government and School Department Budgets is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:17 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk