

# Budget and Finance Committee

**12/7/21 6:30 pm City Council Chambers/Hybrid**

**Meeting Post:** <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/budget-finance/events/304506>

## **Roll:**

B/F: McCauley, Zeid, Khan (remote)

COTW – Wallace, Eigerman, Vogel (remote)

Staff: Tony Furnari, Ethan Manning, Julie Spurr-Knight, Chris LeClaire, Andrew Port, Donna Muscarneci, Jeff Cutter, Kevin Parsegian, FF Stomboli.

**Matters (Green = Coming out of Committee, Purple = amended, Yellow = Remains in Committee):**

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE ITEMS:**

### **ORDR311 11 29 2021 - Morrill Foundation Gift Acceptance**

#### *Public Comment:*

- Anita Greenwood, 151 High St. – in favor of pickleball, Brown School closed, can't schedule @ Perkins, need a home
- Tim DeGraves, Pioneer board member, 12 Moulton St. First notification was last weekend. Cover majority of maintenance, but am concerned. Have agreement with Parks to take care of facility. Pioneer pays 2017 and this year is approximately \$27k per year for landscaping, trash, clean up, fencing, paint, etc. Paid \$17k for gravel lot. Also spent \$30k to update the fields. Concerned is this large enough, growth of Pioneer, conflicts about parking, etc.
- Lise Reid – Parks Director. Lots to discuss, doesn't overlap with Pioneer League, can be dealt with scheduling. Funding goes a long way to update the court. Total project estimate is \$80k to resurface (get rid of asphalt, prep, and resurface). Conservancy has given \$15k, remaining funds of Pickleball.

#### *Individual Votes*

Project 1: Garrison's Birthplace – **Approve**, 3-0

Project 2: Bartlett Restoration – **Approve**, 3-0

Project 3: Atkinson Common Maintenance Building – **Approve**, 3-0, Door is not safe. This will look nicer and be safer

Project 4: Pickleball Atkinson – **Approve/Amended** - Accept with gratitude provided that the gifter understands that it will go towards the Lower Atkinson Court Rehabilitation for multi-use pending all other details (e.g. pickleball aspect) being worked out and by recommendation of the Parks Commission and confirmatory vote of the City Council. 3-0

### **TRAN113 11 29 2021 - Buc Budget Cont. \$213,963.47 to Fire Sal Deputy Chief \$8,606.69, Fire Sal Firefighters \$180,926.78, Fire Paid Holidays \$24,430**

Ethan Manning – John Stomboli, Mayor Holoday, Kevin Pasgenian, Jeff Cutter, Donna Drelick, Ethan Manning.

- Last 3 contract expired in FY19. Intent was to negotiate new agreement but was delayed due to COVID
- April 2020 agreed to do a 1 year for FY20, Approved by the City Council. That was a 3% COLA
- Union contract has now been 1.5 years out so it made sense to do a longer a deal. 4 years (1 year retro and 3 years forward). FY22, 23, and 24
- Lots of updates have been made

- Main points

- Addition of concept of light duty idea, important to Chief and Administration. Department can bring back FF to dispatch, swapping dispatch for FF to save funds. Hope is to reduce overtime
- Dispatchers moves from AFSME to LOCAL 827 (this contract)
- Slight cut back in sick time buy back
- Direct Deposit
- Wage increases
  - FY21 – 2%
  - FY22 – 2%
  - FY23 – 3%
  - FY24 – 3.5%
- In addition to those increases, a new step was added for 7 years of services, 3%
- EMT stipend goes from 3.5% to 5%, phased in 50 basis points over 3 years
- Budgetary impact covers FY21 and FY22, ~214k (66.5k retro, \$147k for FY22), FY23 budget impact is \$183k (step), \$104k FY24
- Will some of these increases be offset by light duty
- Questioned step
- Questioned using light duty FF as dispatch before going to overtime FF
- Premium pay for ARPA? Revenue loss calculation?
- **Motion to approve, 3-0**

**ORDR300 11 08 2021 Low St and Brown School Gym Order – COTW**

**ORDR301 11 08 2021 Authorizing-Acquisition-57-Low-St – COTW**

**ORDR309 11 08 2021 57 Low Street – COTW**

- JE - Carry over is bare majority
- JE - Incoming Mayor would like to pause it
- BV – Speaks in favor of buying it now and that NYS can use it
- JM – Disagree with previous Councillor, Purchase without purpose is an open checkbook
- AK – Favors ORDR301, next admin can do other things
- CW – Engineer hasn't looked at this site, what fits on the site
- **Motion to recommend carry to next session collectively, 2-1**

Public Comment

Jane Snow, 9 Coffin St.

**TRAN114 11 29 2021 - Sewer Retained Earnings \$223,000 to Sew Maint-Equipment \$40,00 and CIP Generator Replacement \$183,000**

- Generator died
- Temp generator put into place
- \$40k for rental, \$183k for replacement
- Motion to approve (3-0)

**Recording and Passcode:**

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**Adjourn:**

3-0, 8:33 pm

**Written public Comment:**

# Pioneer fields

Concern that this area is over saturated-

These fields support over 10,000 children from  
May-October

Ages 6-16

What are ages of pickle ball players? Usually adults?

Think how all these different age groups can live harmoniously

Since pickle ball courts need to be fenced in and use much like tennis courts

Why not make a tennis court into a pickle ball court at ac?

The courts drastically need attention and extremely rare to have all three courts used at once

People and children use this area during ball games

Already complaints and concern for safety

Due parking and the amount of people coming and going on Merrimac st and now you want to add to this issue?

Thank you so much

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