

Budget and Finance Committee

10/19/21 6:30 pm City Council Chambers/Hybrid

Meeting Post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/city-council/events/292066>

Roll:

Councillors McCauley, Zeid, Khan

Ethan Manning, Giselle Stevens, Teamsters Rep, Mark Kavanaugh, Paul Hogg, Jill Brennan

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

1) COMM353_09_27_2021 Newburyport Public Library Annual Report

- Circulation was good even though patrons were down
- COVID, served throughout in one way or another
- Expanded digital offerings
- Video streaming services, online chat, etc.
- Computer usage was down but still
- Replacement of lighting with LEDs
- Continued repairs of HVAC system
- Celebrated 20 years of expanded and renovated building
- MAR = municipal appropriations requirement (average of the last 3 years by 2.5%)
- Certification is important because without – no state aid, can't use other municipality
- Relaxed some of the requirements because of COVID

Receive and File - AK, SZ, 2-0 (1 Present JM)

2) TRAN111_09_27_2021 Transfer Multiple \$42,327.42 to Multiple \$42,327.42

- 3 year deal
- Added position: Water Pollution from other teamster's union to this one
- Minor change to title of Sewer head to match
- Minor change to discipline, at recommendation of city solicitor
- Holidays – add Juneteenth, cleaning up language
- Longevity
- 2/3/3%
- No steps so that is why higher percentage than maybe usually expected
- Take home vehicles, stipend ends
- Asked about aligning appointments – answer is no
- Clothing allowance – does it still make sense? Discussed
- Asked about bumps
- Discussed moving in some admins

Approve, AK/JM – 3-0

3) ORDR265_08_09_2021 CPC-FY22 Recommendations (COTW)

#	Description	Vote	Discussion
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4) ORDR277_08_30_2021 Municipal Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2022

Councillor Khan continues to work on this but not ready to bring out

5) ODNC094_08_30_2021 Municipal Fee Schedule

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6) ORDR287_10_12_2021 Approval to Pay Prior Year Bills

Approve JM/AK, 3-0

7) ORDR289_10_12_2021 FY22 Supplemental Budget Request #1

- Available funds, \$375k
- Council cuts + additional state aids (\$29k)
- Total available: \$400k
- Downtown Paid Parking Fund = \$1M
- Open space – conservation restrictions – who is monitoring these? For short money this people will look at the space. And ensure that CRs are being met. What parcels?
- Assessment center is anticipated to be one cost. Consultant. Assessment is required. “Badgequest”. Civil Service requires this. Assessment Good for 2 years. No free cash certified?
- Any supplementals need to be in before tax rate then can’t use these funds
- Optimistic budgeting that didn’t pan out

Approve AK, JM, 3-0

8) ORDR290_10_12_2021 Anna Jaques Hospital Gift Acceptance

Approve JM, AK, 3-0

9) ORDR280_09_13_2021 Cutter Fire Station Loan Order

Councillor McCauley reported to get paperwork finalized, with the lawyers

10) ORDR281_09_13_2021 Authorizing Land Taking w/Waiver of Appraisal & Damages w/Bond

See above

Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/zkmeF_uxRG29RQru-v8SYuuOG4L5gByRcQarKCfyX_K85GmpUIdu20SNgei8oLET.UPhz7sS0hJ7_qt_S

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