

Budget and Finance Committee

9/1/22 6:00 pm Council Chambers

Meeting Post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/budget-finance/events/307121>

Roll:

B/F: Zeid, Khan

Committee of the Whole: McCauley

Staff: Ethan Manning, Julie Languirand

Agenda:

Priority Business:

**APPT00337_08_29_2022 Julie Languirand 13 Cushing Ave. Salisbury
Treasurer/Collector 09/1/2025**

- Been with city for 13 years
- Worked as Assistant here first
- Worked as Assistant in Boxford
- Municipal work
- Collection rate for the City is currently 98%
- Pretty good overall
- Been able to maintain that for about the last 10 years
- Much prefer not to put people into tax title, work really hard to work with tax title and when people are in need of assistance. Payment Plans
- Department is currently hiring a clerk, generally 4 full time people
- Work with finance department
- Payroll out of Finance department but oversee it
- But work with Auditor's office
- School and City can cause some challenges but coordinating with HR.
- Payroll moved from HR to finance. In reality it's shared responsibility
- HR stays busy and payroll coordinator can assist them
- Hasn't been a notable difference in holding cash but looking at. Might see bigger return. Invested conservatively right now. Stabilization

funds and trust funds are the biggest. Regular every day not much doing. Returns something around 3%.

- Meeting with Trust Fund Commissioners next week and Bartholemu which is the investment advisors.
- Bound by financial policy of City and MGL
- Treasurer is liaison to committee and in the end Treasurer has full control in the end
- We have a solid Committee meeting and they are meeting quarterly. All of them have a financial background.
- Trust is about 7m – 10m
- Looking forward 1-3 years. Technology is something that they are looking for. Online payments, etc. More streamlined online processes. They see it on the money side.
- Taxpayers have the tools they need.
- Biggest thing is just stay at 98% collection rate. Improving a little better at managing things.
- Asked if we can consolidate all credit card processing. Would be a challenge is what Julie shared. Try and work in that direction. We have plenty of platforms. There's a lot of keeping track, what dept it's for and where it goes.
- Did talk to some other treasurers and they shared they are facing the same question

Motion to Recommend Approval - AK/SZ – 2-0

Old or Lower Priority Business (unlikely to get to):

ORDR00336_03_28_2022 ARPA Amesbury 250K (COTW)

ORDR00355_05_09_2022 Loan Order \$2,574,000 Bartlet Mall Improvements Project (COTW)

ODNC00117_06_27_2022 Building Inspector Enforcement

ODNC00118_07_11_2022 Amend Municipal Fees

Public Comment:

None

Motion to adjourn:
6:21 MW/SZ – 2-0

Recording:

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