

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 @6:30 P.M.
GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Chair Zeigler called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Councilor Faretra, Councilor Finocchiaro, Clr. McCarty, Clr. Saba, Clr. Saffie, Clr. Simard, Clr. Beauregard, Clr. DiZoglio, and Chair Zeigler.

Councilor Finocchiaro said Councilors were given information on Friday and Monday. That is not adequate time to do what they do. There were numerous articles of data requested.

MOTION BY: Councilor Finocchiaro, seconded by Councilor Saffie to reconvene as soon as possible before June 30th. Council has a Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

Chair Zeigler restated the time frame for postponement is two weeks.

Solicitor Rossetti said the motion would be to adjourn the meeting which is not debatable.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 no, 3 yes (Clr. Finocchiaro, Clr. Saffie, Clr. Simard)

City Council

Total Personal Services \$ 208,850

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor McCarty to decrease Personal Services by \$11,350.

Councilor Saba asked where the funds are coming from.

Councilor DiZoglio responded the bottom line.

Councilor Saba of personal services?

Councilor DiZoglio said Council has a position that has not been filled. Council has not done anything more yet.

Councilor Finocchiaro stated she proposed a cut for a larger amount for the City Council to reduce Councilors' salary increase. That is something the Mayor is doing. If Council decides to do that in the future or if the Council ends up not hiring someone in the Assistant Clerk position. She would be a yes vote if she thought that would be where the cut comes from. She will not support this cut. Council needs to have strategies in place. She is still in favor of cuts in Personal Services but does not want to bring up every cut proposed in first read.

Councilor DiZoglio said the cut was seconded and rescinded. It is the Mayor's decision where funds come from. He could see a cut for \$20,000.

Chair Zeigler explained this is the Council's budget and the decision would be between the Chair and the Mayor for this budget. For this department, Council has that authority. She would ask the Council for their input.

Councilor Simard noted that would make a cut from the Councilors' line item not the clerks.

Councilor Zeigler passed the gavel to the Vice-Chair and explained Council passed an ordinance for the City Councilors' salary. They would not be touching the Councilors salaries or the Council Clerk.

Councilor Saba said Council already voted "no" at first read and now trying again. Council voted to increase the salaries for the Council. The Council Clerk not touched. Just because the assistant did not work the last time does not mean it will not work. If the Council Clerk decides to leave or retire, there is institutional knowledge. He does not think the funding in the budget is enough to get a quality person.

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Councilor DiZoglio said that is the point of second read. The funding is not being used at this time. He is not trying to do the same thing. Councilors will continue to make changes in the budget. We are doing it to ourselves, not just saying yes. He is trying to cut a lime items not being utilized.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 no, 4 yes (Clr. Faretra, Clr. McCarty, Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

Amendment failed.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS (Personal Services)

Total Other Expenses \$ 2,500

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Saba to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL CITY COUNCIL \$ 211,350

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mayor

Total Personal Services \$ 326,478

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 32,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL MAYOR \$ 358,478

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Legal Services

Total Personal Services \$ 415,364

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

Councilor Finocchiaro the Solicitor's office has less control of professional services might be a line utilized. She asked the Solicitor if he felt he could adequately do what he needs to do with the \$35,000 cut and what would he believe that to be.

Solicitor Rossetti said the Mayor's submission is credible. \$35,000 is a 25% cut which will be felt. Request for a transfer for an issue could come down the road.

Councilor Finocchiaro asked if Councilor Faretra would be amenable to \$5,000 cut.

Councilor Faretra asked the CAFO for the actual number for FY 23 for damages and incidentals.

CAFO Duprey responded under \$20,000 expended.

Mayor Perry noted he appreciates where this is coming from. But to cut would be a dis-service to the community. We have this structure where the Solicitor works for the Council. The assistant solicitor works for the Mayor. The legal department works seamlessly. We could end up taking money from Free Cash. Another \$30,000 for damages and incidentals is trending down. But there is a point of no return.

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Councilor Simard said the legal department is very efficient. Much of the work is Civil Service and grievances. Because of what went down in Civil Service. We are going to face more.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 no, 3 yes (Clr. Faretra, Clr. McCarty, Clr. Saffie) Reduction failed
UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 143,500

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES \$ 558,864

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

City Clerk

Total Personal Services \$ 364,925

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 115,783

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL CITY CLERK \$ 480,708

Reserve Fund

Total Other Expenses \$ 50,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL RESERVE FUND \$ 50,000

TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE SUBTOTAL \$ 1,659,400

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 yes, 2 no (Clr. Finocchiaro, Clr. McCarty)

Chief Administrative and Financial Officer

Total Personal Services \$ 188,700

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 13,115

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

\$ 201,815

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Accounting

Total Personal Services \$ 632,682

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 138,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL ACCOUNTING \$ 770,682

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Assessing

Total Personal Services \$ 312,378

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 114,330

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL ASSESSING \$ 426,708

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Total Personal Services \$ 453,582

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 156,650

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR \$ 610,232

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Human Resources

Total Personal Services \$ 456,611

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 125,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Beauregard, second by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES \$ 581,611

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Information Technology

Total Personal Services \$ 481,720

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 1,121,972

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Equipment Outlay \$ 80,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY \$ 1,693,692

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBTOTAL \$ 4,284,740

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Economic and Community Development

Total Personal Services \$ 642,934

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 142,643

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT SUBTOTAL \$ 785,577

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Health Inspection Services

Total Personal Services \$ 1,104,304

MOTION BY: Councilor Beauregard, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. McCarty)

Total Other Expenses \$ 30,000

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. McCarty)

TOTAL HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES \$ 1,134,504

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. McCarty)

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Police

Total Personal Services \$ 12,782,727

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor McCarty to cut \$95,000 from Personal Services.

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to cut \$25,000 from Personal Services.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 no, 3 yes (Clr. Faretra Clr. McCarty, Clr. Saffie), 1 out of the room (Clr. DiZoglio) Amendment failed

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

Total Other Expenses \$ 884,191

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve. UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Equipment Outlay \$ 40,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL POLICE \$ 13,706,918

MOTION BY: Councilor Beaugard, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

Fire

Total Personal Services \$ 12,088,351

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 470,500

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL FIRE \$ 12,558,851

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beaugard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBTOTAL \$ 26,265,769

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beaugard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Methuen Schools \$ 99,624,180

TOTAL METHUEN SCHOOLS \$ 99,624,180

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saba to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

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Greater Lawrence Technical School \$ 4,899,186

TOTAL GREATER LAWRENCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL 4,899,186

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Saffie to reconsider.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. McCarty)

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School \$ 475,000

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SCHOOL \$ 475,000

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL EDUCATION \$ 104,998,366

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

Public Works

Total Personal Services \$ 5,479,889

Councilor Saba left the room

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Council Saffie to cut Personal Services by \$111,171.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 no, 2 yes (Clr. Faretra, Clr. Saffie), 1 present (Clr. McCarty), 1 out of the room (Clr. Saba)

Councilor Saba returned to the room.

Total Other Expenses \$ 1,269,470

MOTION BY: Councilor Beauregard, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. McCarty)

Total Equipment Outlay \$

Total Fuel Expenses \$ 715,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. McCarty)

Total Snow & Ice \$ 500,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. McCarty)

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS \$ 7,964,359

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: 7 yes, 1no (Clr. Finocchiaro), 1 present (Clr. McCarty)

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Solid Waste Disposal

Total Other Expenses \$ 5,212,500

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS \$ 5,212,500

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro)

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS SUBTOTAL \$ 13,176,859

MOTION BY: Councilor Beaugard, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro), 1 present (Clr. McCarty)

Elder Services

Total Personal Services \$ 292,661

MOTION BY: Councilor Beaugard, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 81,344

MOTION BY: Councilor Beaugard, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL ELDER SERVICES \$ 374,005

MOTION BY: Councilor Beaugard, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Veterans Benefits

Total Personal Services \$ 135,952

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 375,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL VETERANS BENEFITS \$ 510,952

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Beaugard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES SUBTOTAL \$ 884,957

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Nevins Memorial Library

Library Support Other Expense \$ 1,606,628

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL NEVINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$ 1,606,628

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION

SUBTOTAL \$ 1,606,628

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Bonds & Interest

Principal \$ 3,470,000

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Interest \$ 1,776,729

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE \$ 5,246,729

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Risk Management

Insurance Premiums, Property \$ 850,000

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Transfer to Unemployment \$ 10,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Transfer to 111F \$ 40,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Transfer to Workers Compensation \$ 300,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Beauregard, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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TOTAL RISK MANAGEMENT SUBTOTAL \$ 1,200,000

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Contributory Pensions

Pension Fund \$ 15,020,331

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS \$ 15,020,331

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SUBTOTAL \$ 32,837,232

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

State Assessments

Total State Assessments \$ 4,658,801

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MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Other Amounts to be Raised

Overlay \$ 700,000

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Offsets \$ 132,600

MOTION BY: Councilor Simard, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TOTAL OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED \$ 832,600

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 199,572,162

MOTION BY: Councilor Saba, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to approve.

UPON VOTE: 7 yes, 2 no (Clr. Faretra, Clr. Finocchiaro)

WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND 61

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

Total Personal Services \$ 3,487,328

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

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MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Saba to cut \$67,000 out of Personal Services.

Councilor Saffie provided information to Council, also sent via email, regarding misuse of “out of classification” funds. About two months a person stepped into the position of working foreman and continued being paid. Everyone should have been given an opportunity and given a fair shot to the position. The Mayor and the CAFO were not aware someone was being paid out of classification for a position that does not exist.

Mayor Perry did not disagree. No employee should be able to alter the pay scale of an employee. He found out today. No employee can alter an employee’s pay unless they come to Mayor and Council. He should know about it. There is a process for that.

Councilor Saba asked if this extra position is being funded.

Mayor Perry explained that does not mean the employee is going to be promoted. He does not know who is going to apply.

Councilor Saba asked if the Mayor considers this an essential position.

Mayor Perry responded, he did, but not anymore.

Councilor DiZoglio said he does not want to penalize the employee.

Solicitor Rossetti cautioned the Council not to let conversation go out of boundaries/investigatory.

CAFO Duprey said this comes from the water department. There is a lot of “out of classification” that goes through payroll every week and it was missed. The directive has been in place for years.

Councilor Finocchiaro said she appreciates Councilor Saffie’s candor. She asked the Mayor, after investigation to resolve this, that he bring a decision to Council whether this position is needed later for discussion.

Mayor Perry said he learned about this at 3:35 p.m. and is still processing it.

Chair Zeigler echoed what has been said. She did not get a change to look at the email. The Mayor and CAFO confirmed by Councilor Saffie said. There is a willingness to address what the next step is. If this is happening in one department, it is happening in other departments.

Mayor Perry said he will come back to Council, not react tonight. He will talk about steps required to make sure this does not happen again.

Chair Zeigler suggested triggering several levels of approval.

CAFO Duprey said that is something that they already set up, something that happens now.

Chair Zeigler commented this is unselling, top executives were unaware it was happening.

Councilor Finocchiaro commended Councilor Saffie for bringing this information forward.

Councilor Saffie said she does not want to impact the other two employees.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve amended Personal Services in the Amount \$ 3,420,328

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Total Other Expenses \$ 2,984,250

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Greater Lawrence Sanitary District \$ 4,269,945

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Debt \$ 3,136,170

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Simard to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Pension Fund \$ 817,582

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Transfers Out – Indirect costs \$ 2,649,715

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

GRAND TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS \$ 17,277,990 (adjusted new number)

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve new Grand Total Enterprise Funds.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chair Zeigler thanked Council for taking the time working on the budget.

The CAFO said a total of \$632,000 was cut from this budget.

Chair Zeigler commented there was two months' notice of the first and second read on this budget. she reiterated her thanks to everyone for taking the time for this very intentional and thoughtful process.

Adjourn

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Simard to adjourn.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Methuen City Council by a 7-1-1 vote on July 10, 2023.

Linda Gagnon
COUNCIL CLERK