COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
FINANCE, TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
Judy Doesschate, Chair

Meeting called by: Judy Doesschate, Chair  Date: 10-22-18  Time: 5:30PM

Invitees/Speakers  Sergio Panunzio

Committee Members  Doesschate, Chair ☒ O’Brien ☒ Applyrs ☒ Farrell ☒ Robinson ☒

Present:

Council Members  Conti, Fahey, Anane, Balarin and Kimbrough

City Personnel  City Auditor Susan Rizzo, Frank Zeoli, Jessica Bates, and Leah Golby

Minutes

Agenda Item: 2019 proposed budget for Department of General Services

Points of Discussion:

Department of General Services

- Over 2018 Department of General Services (DGS) focused on evaluating all programs and services and have used the information gathered to guide and executed 2019 budget. They are set a “performance-based” budget
- Four salary changes were given raises in 2017 and trying to make them equitable;
  - Director of Operation $68,919 → $73,919
  - Fleet Maintenance Manager $53,080 → $56,080
  - Env. Engineer Tech 2019 $35,773 → $38,273
  - Information Clerk II 2019 $31,398 → $33,119
- Department had 29 Vacancies and should be down to 12 or 14 now and continuing to work on it
- Asking for $2,674,400 for Capital projects (Vehicle $2,270,400 equipment: $404,000)
- Two rear load packers and one recycling truck is planned for next year
- DGS truly believes their capital projects are dramatically increasing because they have actual data to support how out of date their fleets are and how their opportunity costs are reflected in that age
- Seeking to hire an inventory control manager to try and find savings by ensuring equipment is not lost or left behind
- Landfill will close July 2026 based on current use levels

Department of Engineering

- 300M in street reconstruction projects
- 500K sidewalk reconstruction
- 250K ADA Compliance
- 1M renovation to City building
- 1.5M bridge improvements
- 1.5M Albany skyways (design fees)
- Overall project budget for Albany Skyway is approximate 15M
- Engineering would like to;
- Improve efficiently of city-owned buildings
- Minimize environment impacts of construction
- Incorporate technology to reduce energy consumption
- Upgrade geographical information systems
- Continue to implement complete streets

The Chairperson noted that the Council had not been provided with details in writing regarding the specifics of Capital projects and the Committee would be reviewing that in the future.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.