

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Robert Curwen, Chair; Angel dePara; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Susan Brannelly; Tom McCarthy, Council President (6:06 p.m.)

OTHERS: Thomas Sherwood, OPM Director; David Dunn, Civil Service Director; Maura O'Malley, Board of Education; Ann Kelly-Lenz, Acting Finance Director; Veronica Jones, Acting Tax Collector

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Curwen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member dePara said that the financial reports had been delivered and hoped they would not be late like this one was in the future.

87-11 - Municipal Suspense Tax Book

Ms. Kelly-Lenz was present to provide information on the Municipal Suspense Tax Book. She said that these were accounts that were uncollectible. She said that now the department was working on cases that have legal documents such as death certificate or bankruptcy available.

Council Member dePara asked if the collection for these items had been exhausted. Ms. Kelly-Lenz said that the court has stated that if the court has ruled that no more money can be collected from the account it must be placed in 'suspended' category.

Council President Tom McCarthy joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ITEM 87-11 MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This agenda item will be presented to the full City Council from the floor.

**91-11 - Proposed Budget Transfer to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for Civil Service From:
Salary Account 01070000-51000 (\$21,000) To: Management Services Account 01070000-
56165 (\$21,000).**

Mr. Dunn came forward and said that there were some additional expenses in testing that were unexpected. There are a number of vendors who are waiting for payment. These items include
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such expenses as the city testing more potential police candidates than expected with polygraph and the testing for the Assistant Police Chief, and Finance Director were unexpected.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ITEM 91-11 PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFER TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR CIVIL SERVICE FROM: SALARY ACCOUNT 01070000-51000 (\$21,000) TO: MANAGEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT 01070000-56165 (\$21,000).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**98-11 - Proposed Budget Modification to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Nutrition Budget:
Increase Revenue Line Item 010900902 42617 Federal Breakfast Program (\$403,000) and
Increase Appropriation Line Items 01900000 54595 Food (\$403,000).**

Mr. Sherwood said that there had been a modification that affected both sides of the accounts and this was neutral to the budget. He stated that the only thing needed was finalization for the school bills for the fiscal year.

Ms. O'Malley came forward and said that the District had initiated a breakfast in the classroom program. The food costs have increased as a result of the new program but the District receives a reimbursement from the government for every meal served. Last year, there was no breakfast in the classroom program in place and now approximately 55,000 children participate in the program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ITEM 98-11 - PROPOSED BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 NUTRITION BUDGET: INCREASE REVENUE LINE ITEM 010900902 42617 FEDERAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (\$403,000) AND INCREASE APPROPRIATION LINE ITEMS 01900000 54595 FOOD (\$403,000).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCIA, DEPARA, AND CURWEN) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BRANNELLY).**

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General Discussion Regarding the Review of the Monthly Financial Report

It was decided that this was a standing item and no action was needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOTIONED FOR ADJOURNMENT.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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