

At the Budget Work Session/Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown, County of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, held in and for said Town, County, and State this 12th day of March, 2024 at the Municipal Office Court/Meeting Room, 100 Fairway Drive, at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gregory A. Mancini, President
Katherine K. Anderson
Lawrence C. Mandel
Matthew B. McCoy
Dr. Kimberly Ann Page

ALSO PRESENT: A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager
Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk
Susan A. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk

An audio recording and video recording of this meeting was made to supplement the written record. Please go to the time stamps indicated on each department's budget discussion by accessing the video/audio located at:

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1. Call to Order

The Budget Work Session/Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on March 12, 2024 was called to order by President Mancini.

2. Notice of Meeting being posted

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-6(c), notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's Website.

3. Salute to Flag

President Mancini led those in attendance in a salute to the flag.

President Mancini led those in attendance in a moment of silence for the passing of Ron Corey.

I. WORK SESSION

President Mancini stated that today we are going to continue our department's budget submissions and adoption of the preliminary budget. The public hearing for the municipal and school budgets will be held on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and adoption of the final budget will be on April 29, 2024.

4. Town Manager's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Building Official Donald Peck reviewed the Code Enforcement Budget (Page 40) with the Council. (9:40)

Tax Assessor Deb Garneau reviewed the Tax Assessor's Budget (Page 37) with the Council. (19:38)

Personnel Director Haley Wicker reviewed the Personnel/HR Budget (Page 31) with the Council. (36:45)

Director of Water Supply Tim Cranston reviewed the Water Department Budget (Page 78) with the Council. (44:23)

Michael Forlingieri, Manager of Information Systems reviewed the IT Budget (Page 38) with the Council. (1:02:18)

The Council recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Acting Library Director Susan Aylward reviewed the North Kingstown Free Library Budget (Page 64) with the Council. (1:20:05)

Acting Chief Urban reviewed the Police Department Budget (Page 49), Animal Control Budget (Page 52), and Harbormaster's Budget (Page 53) with the Council. (1:52:34)

Finance Director Deb Bridgham reviewed the Finance Budget (Page 35), Debt Service (Page 63), and Utilities Budget (Page 60) with the Council. (2:38:26)

The Council recessed the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Director of Senior Services Marie Marcotte reviewed the Senior and Human Services Budget (Page 42) with the Council. (3:04:23)

Director of Planning and Development Nicole LaFontaine reviewed the Planning Department Budget (Page 39) with the Council. (3:10:55)

Recreation Director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs reviewed the Recreation Budget (Page 44), Allen Harbor Budget (Page 72), and Golf Course Budget (Page 68) with the Council. (3:32:49)

Public Works Director Adam White reviewed the Public Works Budget (Page 54), Transfer Station Budget (Page 76), and Sewer Budget (Page 74) with the Council. (4:06:23)

President Mancini thanked the Manager and Staff for an informative budget work session.

The Council took a brief recess at 2:26 p.m.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

II. NEW BUSINESS

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,640,868.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$5,258,038.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Allen Harbor Budget in the amount of \$437,657.00.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Golf Course Budget in the amount of \$2,315,109.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,900,474.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Municipal Court Fund Budget in the amount of \$202,096.00.

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Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Mandel and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,419,412.00.

Motion by Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Transfer Station Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,390,103.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Town Appropriation - Library Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,431,325.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the State Aid - Library Fund Budget in the amount of \$260,615.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Page and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Library Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,691,940.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Town Appropriation – School Fund in the amount of \$61,359,855.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the State Aid – School Fund in the amount of \$13,313,799.00.

Motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor McCoy and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the School Fund Budget in the amount of \$74,673,654.00.

Motion by Councilor Mandel, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the FY2025 Town Council Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$135,929,351.00.

7. Discussion/Action – ARPA Funds

Mr. Mollis stated that he gave a presentation of potential projects for ARPA Funds at the March 4th meeting.

After a brief discussion, a motion by Councilor Page, seconded by Councilor Anderson and unanimously

***VOTED:** That the Town Council authorizes the following expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:

- Public Works — Full Size Dump Truck with Plow Package - \$238,385.00
- Police Department — four (4) Police Vehicles - \$238,680.00
- Recreation Department — Yorktown Park Renovations - \$800,000.00
- Planning Department — Balance of Projected Funding for the Wickford Waterfront/Streetscape Project (Municipal Parking Lot Project) - \$1,668,980.00
- Contingency - \$15,992.00

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8. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:01 P.M.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk