

City of Derby Board of Apportionment & Taxation Joan Williamson Aldermanic Chambers SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY MAY 19, 2015

James Butler -Chairman Larry Bussell Christopher Carloni Jason Cronk Richard Dziekan Edwin Fiallos Carlo Malerba, Jr. Sabatino Pollastro, Jr Judith Szewczyk James Watson

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A special meeting of the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Derby was held on Tuesday evening, May 19, 2015 in the Joan Williamson Aldermanic Chambers.

Chairman James Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were: Larry Bussell, James Butler, Jason Cronk, Edwin Fiallos, Carlo Malerba, Jr., Sabatino Pollastro, Jr., Judy Szewczyk and James Watson..

Arriving late was: Christopher Carloni and Richard Dziekan.

Public Portion

Marc Garofalo, Town/City Clerk stated he passed out to each member a copy of the job description for the new position. This was approved by the Board of Aldermen Operations & Procedures Committee at their last meeting. This is for your information.

Louis Oliwa, 23 Shelton Street, Derby. I am asking the board to please reconsider the allotment for the Storms Ambulance. We may be forced to charge the city for any activities, such as football games, etc. to make up for the shortfall.

City of Derby Board of Apportionment & Taxation May 19, 2015, Public Portion was closed.

Adopt Changes to Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget adopted on 5-5-2015

Mr. Butler asked if anyone had any changes to the Preliminary Budget and no one had any changes. Mr. Szewczyk asked if we were going to make any changes as we go department by department. Mr. Butler said they would go through the entire budget, but if anyone had changes now, they could do it now.

Adopt Final Budget expenditures for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Butler then proceeded to go through the budget for approval by the Board.

- Mayor's Office –Account 1100- \$154,567. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Motion Carried.
- Derby Probate Account 1200 \$8,247 Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Finance Committee Account 1201 \$4,000 Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried
- Town Clerk Account 1300 \$201,488. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Fiallos. Motion Carried
- Registrar of Voters Account 1500 \$48,766 Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Legal Services Account 1600 \$226,400. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Data Processing Account 1700 \$63,064. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's Office Account 2100 \$99,100. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Insurance Account 2200 \$575,646. Motion was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Motion Carried.
- Retirement Account 2300 \$1,195,619. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Fiallos and seconded by Ms. Szewczyk. Motion Carried.
- Employees Benefits Account 2400 \$5,784,421. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Malerba.

Vote was taken, 8 For and 1 (Mr., Dziekan) Against. Motion Carried.

- Finance Department Account 2500 \$160,558. Motion to approve was made by Mr.,Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Payroll Taxes Account 2600 \$480,988. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Tax Collector Account 2800 \$115,647. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Assessor Account 2900 \$113,450. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Motion Carried.
- Auxiliary Police Account 3300 \$17,605. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Fiallos. Motion Carried.

- Police Department Account 3100 \$3,677,060. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Fire Department Account 3200 \$254,929. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Szewczyk. Motion Carried.
- Civil Defense Account 3300 \$15,420. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Fire Marshall Account 3400 \$142,117. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. Motion Carried.
- Fire Hydrant Service Account 3600 \$224,998. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Motion Carried.
- Misc. Capital Account 3700 \$696,419. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr.Fiallos. Motion Carried.
- Highway Department Account 4100 \$1,710,158. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- City Electricity Account 4200 \$497,400. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Fiallos and seconded by Ms. Szewczyk. Motion Carried.
- Sanitation Account 4300 \$1,281,348. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Parks & Recreation Account 5100 \$266,192. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. Motion Carried.
- Health Services Account 5400 \$242,538 Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Failed.

Mr. Butler asked for a roll call. Mr. Bussell, Yes; Mr. Butler, Yes; Mr. Cronk, No; Mr. Dziekan, No; Mr Fiallos, Yes;, Mr. Malerba, Yes; Mr. Pollastro, No;, Ms. Szewczyk, No; and Mr. Watson, Yes. Vote was 5 For and 4 Against. Mr. Butler then asked for discussion from the committee members that voted No. Mr. Cronk, and Mr. Dziekan spoke that they are in favor of giving the Storm Ambulance more money. They are trained, they need supplies, etc. It was a concern of the other members, that if they increase this line item, they may have to raise taxes. Ms. Szewczyk said we have not finished the rest of the budget and there may be somewhere else we can cut. This was tabled, until we went through the rest of the budget.

- REVISED Health Budget 5400 \$287,538. A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Library Account 5500 \$479,022. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Caretaker of Graves Account 5600 \$600. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Cronk and seconded by Mr.Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Building Inspector Account 6100 \$159,315. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Motion Carried.
- Community Development Account 6300 \$106,950. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- Flood Control Account 6400 \$13,550. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion Carried.
- Planning & Zoning Account 6500 \$100. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion Carried.
- Inland Wetland Comm. Account \$200. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.

- Senior Center Account 6800 \$218,170. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Dziekan and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Principal & Interest-Bonded Debt Account 7100 \$1,550,615. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Ms. Szewczyk. Motion Carried.
- Locip Funds Account 7200 \$106,011. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Dziekan and seconded by Ms. Szewczyk. Motion Carried.
- City Hall Maintenance Account 8100 \$312,413. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.
- City Wide Agencies Account 8200 \$176,795. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Dziekan. Motion Carried.
- City Wide Fuel Account 8300 \$156,000. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Mr. Dziekan. Motion Carried.
- Budget Working Balance Account 8400 \$212,540. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fiallos and seconded by Mr. Bussell. There was opposition, so Mr. Butler called for a Roll Call.

Roll Call: Mr. Bussell, Yes; Mr. Butler, Yes; Mr. Cronk, Yes; Mr. Dziekan, No;, Mr Fiallos, Yes; Mr. Malerba, Yes; Mr. Pollastro,, No: Ms. Szewczyk, No; and Mr. Watson, Yes. Vote was 6 For and 3 Against. Discussion. Mr. Dziekan said he wanted to cut the money allotted for the new position in the Town Clerks office. He said this has happened before where we approved money for positions, they were never filled, and no one knows where the money went. Mr. Garofalo spoke on behalf of this position, stating that the position will be filled, and it should be approved by the BOA at their next meeting. It has already been approved by the Operations & Procedures Committee. Ms. Szewczyk said the Tax Board is not holding up this position, we are the not the approvers, we are the funders of the position. Mr. Pollastro said he has not seen any advertising for this position. Mr. Garofalo said he cannot advertise for a position that has not yet been approved. Once the job is approved, I will be put this process forward. Mr. Butler pointed out to the group that the Special Working Balance and the Working Balance are very lean this year. If the Board of Aldermen approve this position, we have to come up with the money. Mr. Dziekan said we still have the digression to remove the money from the line item. Ms. Szewczyk suggested tabling this until the end.

- REVISED Special Working Balance: 8400 \$127,418. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Dziekan. Motion Carried.;
- City Engineer Account 8600 \$77,500. Motion to approve was made by Mr.
 Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Carried.
- Board of Education Account 9100 \$17,297,485. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cronk and seconded by Mr. Malerba. Motion Failed. Mr. Butler asked for a roll call.

Roll Call: Mr. Bussell, Yes;, Mr. Butler, Yes;, Mr. Carloni, No; Mr. Cronk. Yes;, Mr., Dziekan, No;, Mr. Fiallos Abstained;, Mr. Malerba, Yes;, Mr Pollastro, No; Ms. Szewczyk, Abstained; and Mr. Watson, Yes. Vote was 5 Yes, 3 No, and 3 Abstentions Mr. Carloni suggested the money needed to give the Storm Ambulance, \$45,000 be taken from the Board of Education budget. The question was asked where it will be taken from, and Mr. Butler said the Board of Education has control over their own budget, and they will reduce it where they see fit. A motion was made by Mr. Carloni and seconded by Ms. Szewczyk.,

making the new budget amount \$17,252,486. There was opposition, as to why do we have to take from one department to please another. A motion was made to put the BOE budget back to it's original amount, but according to Roberts Rules, it cannot, it must be changed. A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Cronk to decrease the budget by \$1.00 making the Budget for the Board of Education \$17,297,485. Motion Carried.

Youth Service Bureau – Account 9200 - \$30,131
 Motion to approve was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.

Mr. Butler asked if the committee wanted to go back to the Special Working Balance or the Health Services. Ms. Szewczyk said Health Services because they wanted to give the Storms more money. Mr. Butler reminded everyone that the Special Working Balance is very lean. Ms. Szewczyk suggested we increase the Storms by \$45,000. Mr. Dziekan made a motion to increase the Storm Ambulance to \$100,000, and increase the bottom line budget for Health Services to \$287,538. Motion Carried.

Budget Working Balance, A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Dziekan to decrease the Special Working Balance to \$127,418. The Special Working Balance line item would be reduced to \$88,500. Motion Carried.

The Adopted Budget for 2015-2016 is \$39,115,419. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. Motion Carried.

Adopt Revenue for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

The adopted Revenue for 2015-2016 is \$39,115,419. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Dziekan and seconded by Mr. Cronk. Motion Carried.

Adopt Mill Rate for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

The new Mill Rate for 2015-2016 is 35.740. NO TAX INCREASE. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Cronk.

<u>Adjourment</u>

Mr. Butler asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Louise Pitney

Recording Secretary

City of Derby Board of Apportionment & Taxation May 19, 2015,

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at their next regular meeting.