

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

TUESDAY  
MAY 2, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

AMENDED RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES  
FY 2023-2024 BUDGET

The Special Town Council Budget Workshop on Wednesday, May 2, 2023, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W Dickinson, Jr., and Controller Timothy Sena were also present.

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
3. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the Town of Wallingford Budget for FY 2023-2024.

Councilor Tatta submitted her proposed amendments as follows. These proposed budget amendments utilize the same practices exercised in the Mayor’s proposed budget, however, the numbers change in order to achieve the following four outcomes:

1. No tax increase
2. Restored education spending
3. Additional funding for public safety
4. The recognition of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic effects, with spending to address these effects.

Amendments to the Mayor’s Proposed Budget

1. The Mayor’s letter to citizens dated March 31, 2023 (budget introduction letter) proposes the use of \$2,870,760 of ARPA funds to fund various Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, and Recreation items. Recognizing the substantial impacts to these departments, as well as the Government Access TV department, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I propose we use an additional \$1,152,236 to fund the following items, thus removing them from the budget while still fully funding them:
  - a. Line 57301: Government Access TV Production Equipment - \$5,500
  - b. Police Cruisers - \$115,000
  - c. PD Watch Guard Cameras - \$46,834
  - d. Loader Plow 12’ – Public Works - \$35,000
  - e. Class 8 Plow/Dump Truck – Public Works - \$270,000
  - f. Hydraulic Vehicle Lift – Public Works - \$15,000
  - g. Picnic Tables – Parks and Rec - \$12,300
  - h. Line 57938 – Emergency Management – Building Repairs - \$20,000
  - i. Fire Pumper Year 1 of 2 - \$425,000 (additional \$425,000 of ARPA may be proposed if full expenditure must be made in year 1 to fulfill ARPA requirements)
  - j. CPR Compression System – FD/EMS - \$37,300
  - k. AED Units – FD/EMS - \$4,870
  - l. General Technical Rescue Equipment – FD/EMS - \$10,000

- m. CFHQ/Station 2 Building Maintenance Project – FD - \$35,000
  - n. Fire Hose & Appliances – FD - \$50,432
  - o. Portable Radios & Accessories – FD/EMS - \$38,000
  - p. Firefighting/EMS Gear & PPE - \$32,000
2. Several Fire Department and Police Department requests remain unfunded in the Mayor's proposed budget. With regard to Attorney Farrell's letter dated April 24, 2023, it seems prudent to spend these funds expeditiously, along with the items in Section 1 above. I propose we use an additional \$66,028 in ARPA funds to fully fund these items recognizing the extreme stresses (health, physical, mental) placed on our first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how these items will provide for citizen and first responder health and safety going forward:
    - a. Police – ATV - \$20,000
    - b. Fire/EMS – Gear Extractor Washer with Base - \$9,300
    - c. Fire/EMS – 2 Set Gear Dryer - \$1,900
    - d. Fire/EMS – UTV with Commercial Insert - \$33,000
    - e. Fire/EMS – Accelerant & Hydrocarbon Detector - \$1,828
  3. I propose we fund the following project, which has been an ongoing request from constituents: Sidewalk repairs in the downtown/uptown area, to be overseen/prioritized/contracted by Engineering and/or Public Works - \$150,000
  4. I propose we restore the following Education spending, specifically these strategic plan requests:
    - a. BOE – Pond Hill Elementary School Gymnasium Floor - \$130,000
    - b. BOE – Dag renovate ball fields - \$80,000
    - c. BOE – Dag replace the back gym floor - \$80,000
  5. The general government contingency line in the proposed budget is \$400,000 more than the current budget. Therefore, I propose we reduce the Contingency account by \$200,000, removing \$100,000 each from Line 58820 and 58821. This still increases the contingency account by \$200,000 more than it currently stands.
  6. Adding to the Mayor's proposal to appropriate \$6.4 million from reserves / audited funds balance, and also recognizing that historically this appropriation is not used in its entirety or even at all, I propose the appropriation of an additional \$2.9 million. NOTE: According to the December 30, 2022, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Unassigned Fund Balance increased by \$2.867 million, so this is a net 0 if it is even used.

Councilor Tatta closed by stating that this proposal doesn't cut from the Mayor's proposed budget but adds additional funding for public safety, education, and capital items all while having no tax increase.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO adopt this budget amendments package in its entirety**

**MADE BY: TATTA**

**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

Chairman Cervoni asked if in proposal #1, is \$1,152,236 from ARPA funds. Councilor Tatta replied yes. Chairman Cervoni asked where the funding for proposals #3 and #4 comes from. Councilor Tatta replied that it comes from the reserves. It ties to proposal #6.

Councilor Zandri stated that proposal number 1, is \$1.152 million on top of the \$ 2.8 million from ARPA. He stated that it doesn't exceed what is already there, just designates the use. Consuming from funds not allocated. Councilor Tatta agreed. Mr. Sena clarified that the Mayor cut those items from the budget and

recommends funding them with appropriations from ARPA funds. Chairman Cervoni stated that it is not an appropriation of ARPA funds when adopting the budget. Mr. Sena confirmed. Chairman Cervoni stated that these items come out of the Budget and are appropriated later.

Commissioner Carmody asked how much unallocated money is left in the ARPA funds. Mr. Sena did not have that amount handy.

Mayor Dickinson stated concern with this proposal. Particularly adding the \$ 2.9 million from reserves pushes us well above where we are now. We have been trying to reduce dependence on reserves. This is not looked at kindly by credit rating agencies.

Councilor Tatta pointed out the spreadsheet in her proposal packet. She pointed out the Designated Reserves and Spent Reserves and noted that we never come close to spending them. Money is left from unfunded positions each year and is added to reserves. Mr. Sena agreed that it is not spent and that's a good thing. If we dip into reserves then it's not available in the future. He noted that we just authorized \$40 million in bonds which will result in a ratings call. Rating agencies don't like using reserves to balance the budget. It also creates a fiscal cliff. There is logic behind what we do every year. If we take it from reserves it will have to be replaced.

Councilor Zandri agreed that we allocate this money to balance the budget every year but don't use it. \$9.3 million is in the ballpark of what we've done several other years. There have been years we have allocated more than this. Allocation doesn't mean it is spent. These are all capital expenditures. Look at the face value which is that a portion of this is adjusting what we might leverage out of savings.

Councilor Fishbein thanked Councilor Tatta for the comprehensive package and asked Mr. Sena to explain the fiscal cliff. Mr. Sena replied that we need to try to keep the undesignated fund balance at 10% of the budget. The proposed budget is \$187 million, so 10% is \$18 million. At this point we have \$17 million in unassigned, so we are below the threshold. It is not an exact line. If we ever get back to full staff it will be eaten into. The concern is that we are issuing bonds and increasing the draw from reserves doesn't look good. He added that if we take capital out of the budget this year, next year it will be back and we will need to raise taxes to cover it. Councilor Fishbein noted the electric pilot which by ordinance has to be used for capital expenditures. So that stuff can come out of Cap & Non. Mr. Sena stated that rolling stock and vehicles are not non-recurring expenses. Councilor Fishbein asked how much is left in Cap and Non this year. Mr. Sena replied about \$530,000. Councilor Fishbein asked if there was a shortfall, could the administration recommend taking money from that fund. Mr. Sena replied no. Once it is in there it is in there. Council can make sure it doesn't get there. It has to be used for capital expenditures. Mayor Dickinson stated that the administration will be coming to you by the end of the month for \$160,000 of that for the two basketball courts because the bids have come in over budget. That is a capital project that has a long life. We don't fund vehicles and equipment out of the Cap and Non-recurring fund.

Councilor Zandri gave examples of years when we used funds from reserves and it was replaced with a surplus the following year. He noted that we are back at \$27.77 now as a total general fund balance.

Councilor Marrone stated that a budget represents a worst-case scenario. We know that we won't fill all the open positions. The way the Mayor does it, if we do fill the positions, we don't have a deficit at the end of the year. He stated that the Council overstates its impact on this process. If this amendment passes, not much changes except that we are not going to increase taxes needlessly. We know we are taxing for a number that we don't intend to spend. If we don't pass this proposal, we are just increasing taxes to set money aside. There is no way we will max out payroll in the next year. The proposal is not irresponsible. He thanked Councilor Tatta for her work on the proposal.

Mayor Dickinson stated that his viewpoint is different. The budget has been stable and the mill rate is low. If we don't budget for the full complement of staffing, then we need to reduce the number of positions. These are principles of sound budgeting. All expenses are going up, but we think it's a good time to have no tax increase. The inevitable result that will happen within a couple of years will be a larger tax increase. He can't support changing the discipline.

Councilor Fishbein asked about the lapse provision in the Charter for the Cap & Non. He read the provision. "Appropriations for construction or for other permanent improvements from whatever source derives shall not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned provided such appropriations shall be deemed to have been abandoned if no expenditure from or encumbrance of the appropriation has been made within 3 years of its approval." He asked if it goes to the general fund. Mr. Sena replied that that's where the \$530,000 came from but it stays in the fund until it is re-appropriated. Mayor Dickinson stated that these are accounting principles. What lapses is the appropriation for a specific purpose? The funds can't be used until they are re-appropriated. Councilor Fishbein asked for the report on lapsing. Mr. Sena replied that he supplied that report in February.

Councilor Laffin gave credit to Councilor Tatta for the very thorough packet. He stated concern with the use of ARPA funds. He thought we were going to do big projects with that money, like the Town Hall Roof, so they could be done quicker. Regarding the \$2.9 million from reserves, this is not what Moody's is looking at. They look at what we are budgeting for now. In 2019, they downgraded us based on operating deficits, debt burden, tax base, and long-term liabilities. This will be the most that we have designated into reserves. He asked for more time to look at the proposal. His issue will be the almost \$10 million taken out of reserves.

Councilor Marrone stated that the beauty of this is what's been done is adjustments to what the Mayor already proposed. There is nothing earth-shattering here. He added that history has shown that this little bit of risk is quite tolerable for the tax base.

Councilor Laffin stated that we are taking almost 50% more from the reserves than what we were originally looking at.

Councilor Tatta stated that she used the same methods the Mayor used to create the budget. She stated that it sounds like when the Mayor does it, it is considered sound financial management, but when she proposes it, it is a calamity. She noted that there were years when the Council overrode the Mayor's veto, and took more from reserves, there was no financial calamity. Regarding using the ARPA funds, the Mayor proposed spending \$2.9 million to fund some items. She just took it a little further to use another \$1.1 million. Councilor Tatta read Atty. Farrell's April 24, 2023 memo into the record.

"I wanted to make sure you saw or heard over the weekend that part of the Congressional Republican's tax plan that they intend to pass in the House this week includes a proposal to claw back any ARPA money that has not yet been spent. I am not sure whether that would apply to money already distributed out to states and municipalities, but it may.

"We would all be seen in a bad light if somehow Wallingford lost its ARPA funds that have not been obligated for the reason that we had not yet approved its uses. I just thought I would share with you my concerns."

She concluded that the clock is ticking. There is a potential that we will lose the money if we don't spend it. She proposes spending it on capital items that will save taxpayers' money.

Councilor Testa thanked Councilor Tatta for her work and the discussion. He stated that in the past we have proposed using funds from reserves. The issue is not the principle but the scale. This applies to the ARPA funds and the reserves. The Mayor's budget includes almost \$3 million in ARPA funds. He noted that he had asked that any potential use of those funds be done through mutual discussion. Arguing Councilor Tatta's proposal for an additional \$1 million is an argument of scale. He referred back to Councilor Tatta's point that the additional amount is equal to what the fund balance increased by in the last year. The question is at what point we are comfortable. He noted that he didn't feel the urgency after reading Atty. Farrell's letter. Things are being done with ARPA funds. We have a list of things to look at, none of which are in the Mayor's or Councilor Tatta's list of uses. There are approximately \$13 million of ARPA funds set aside for municipal projects, less the \$5 million for the community pool. The Mayor proposed using \$3 million. He asked what has already been spent or appropriated from the ARPA funds. Mr. Sena replied only the cameras. Mayor Dickinson noted that the proposals in the budget don't appropriate the ARPA funds. They are just a suggestion on how to fund them. There will be a separate action to appropriate the funds. Councilor Testa stated that he is not opposed to adding the \$1 million from Councilor Tatta's proposal. He likes what Councilor Tatta proposed but doesn't think we can get there. He would like to have no net increase in taxes. If we accept this proposal the administration will inevitably veto it and he doubts the Council will be able to override the veto. There are a lot of good things in this proposal. He suggested finding a compromise. He suggested looking for an appropriation from reserves that would be more acceptable.

Councilor Fishbein noted that things are missing from the Lapse report and asked Mr. Sena to update the report with D & E from the ordinance. He stated that the amendment before us takes certain things not addressed in the budget and gives us the chance to say we care about them. He suggested putting pickleball courts in the empty field by Highland School. He stated that he supports the proposal before us.

Councilor Laffin stated that a 45% increase in dependence on reserves is out of scale. He stated that it appears that more and more of the ARPA money is getting allocated before we can discuss projects. He referred to proposal #5 regarding the contingency. Mr. Sena stated that the contingency cuts are concerning. The accrued expenses were calculated for collective bargaining contracts that will result in retroactive pay and raises. That number increased this year. He noted that we have had two very mild winters so had little sand purchases or overtime. We need the money there if next winter is back to normal. Councilor Laffin asked how much was not spent this winter on snow removal. Mr. Sena replied about \$170,000.

Councilor Zandri stated that if we vote not to use the ARPA funds for these proposals, those things would either not get done or be done somewhere under the budget. This is the same as we've done in the past with the CRRRA money. He tallied up the ARPA allocations so far. He noted that when the non-profit and business applications came in, Council increased the funds allocated to them. He calculated that after the non-profit and business grants there is \$5.7 million left. The Mayor's budget uses \$2.87 million. Councilor Tatta proposes using another \$1.1 million which leaves about \$1.1 million. So depending on the decision tonight we will have either \$2.3 million or \$1.1 million in ARPA funds. Mr. Sena noted the \$500,000 set aside for the administration to pay the consultant.

Councilor Allinson noted that \$15,000 of ARPA money was allocated in 2022 and there was set aside for the cameras at Doolittle Park, bringing the total to \$585,000. Regarding Atty. Farrell's letter, it is possible that the legislation won't get through. She stated that to do meaningful projects we asked the departments for their wish list, yet we are using the funds to have a net zero budget. She noted that the proposed budget doesn't address the BOE budget. Even without the strategic plan budget, they are still short \$2.8 million in sustained services. It will be hard to improve test scores with fewer staff. She stated that she would agree to all this, despite her hesitance to deplete reserves if we put \$2.9 million back into

the BOE budget. She added that regarding the BOE Strategic Plan items in the budget, she would not support those if we are not fully funding the educators and staff.

Councilor Carmody mentioned the funds to restore Community Pool. This proposal leaves funds for transformational ideas. He thinks the proposal has good ideas for the use of the funds. It addresses important segments of the community. He is willing to hear alternatives but it is not unreasonable to use reserves. He supports the adjustments.

Chairman Cervoni thanked Councilor Tatta for the time and effort put into these amendments. He noted that he has no problems with proposals #1 and #2. He stated that he doesn't want to support funding something the Administration won't see through. He asked if the BOE items could be bonded. Mayor Dickinson replied that they were removed from bonding because they were not long enough term projects. Chairman Cervoni stated that he has an issue with further challenging the contingency. We can't assume we will have another mild winter. He stated that he takes issue with the 45% increase in dependency on reserves. We have been warned by Moody's. This is important because we have projects that we are committed to that will go out to Bond. Rating for bonding is an objective review of the town's budgeting practices. We have been rated as excellent for our budgetary practices and our fiscal management. It doesn't make sense to challenge that.

Councilor Testa noted that in 21/22 the designated reserves were \$7.9 million, so we have gone that high before. To get to a zero increase in the mill rate we would need a \$3.771 million reduction to the budget. This leaves us a \$1.4 million increase in the budget. He asked what the mill rate would be. Mr. Sena replied that it is not a quick calculation. Councilor Testa noted that the letter from the Mayor says there would be an increase of .83 mill or \$2.86. The proposal will roughly reduce the budget by \$2.371 which is roughly 2/3rds. So the mill rate increase would be closer to .27 mills which may be palatable.

Councilor Testa proposed an amendment to the motion.

**MOTION TO amend #6, to change additional appropriation for reserves to \$1.5 million instead of \$2.9 million. Everything else is the same.**

**MADE BY: TESTA**

**SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Councilor Tatta stated that she appreciates the compromise but is not supportive. She stated that the year we designated \$7.9 million, we spent zero and the surplus that year was close to \$1 million. If we look back 20 years, the number is basically meaningless because we know we won't use it. She acknowledged that a lower number may be more palatable. In actuality it is irrelevant.

Councilor Testa clarified that he sees it as a pragmatic effort to try to come up with something that might pass and potentially make it acceptable to the Administration and the credit rating agencies.

Councilor Zandri noted that the proposed budget will have an approximate increase of \$158 in taxes. The change in the amended motion would make that increase about \$80. This is potentially more palatable to the administration. He agrees that we can designate any amount to balance the budget but don't spend it. He added that Councilor Tatta did sound work and her reasoning is sound.

Councilor Marrone agreed. He stated that he liked the original proposal and would support the amendment. He asked if there were other possible compromises. He noted that the budget adds firefighters and other staff which enhances existing services but doesn't add services.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Riley O’Connell, Edgerton Road, noted that the 21/22 budget veto was overturned. A few more million was taken out of reserves and ultimately there was still close to a \$1 million surplus. The surplus is \$3-4 million more out of residents' pockets with no intention to spend. These amendments help get to the goal of making Wallingford more affordable. Unfortunately, we have to look for ways to make the amendments more palatable to the Administration versus what’s best for Wallingford residents. You are doing the right thing.

Chairman Cervoni called for a vote on the amendment to the Motion.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>		<b>MARRONE:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ALLINSON:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TATTA:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>CARMODY;</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>TESTA:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>

5 – AYE  
4 – NAY  
0 – ABSTAIN  
0- ABSENT  
**MOTION: PASSES**

Councilor Tatta reiterated that her preferred outcomes included no tax increase. This is important because there is no need to have it. We are taxing people for money that we don’t intend to spend.

Councilor Marrone offered that if Council votes no, we still get the tax increase. If we can’t override the veto, we get a larger tax increase. This gives the proposal gives us the ability to rein it in a little.

Councilor Zandri agreed and stated that there is a lot of good stuff in the proposed amendments. He agreed that this is less of a tax increase than what was proposed with more services. The Mayor’s budget has a 3.88% increase with the mill rate going from 29.04 mills to 29.87 mills. In a year with inflation at about 6%, this is a good deal. He thinks it is more palatable, though not veto-proof.

Chairman Cervoni called for a vote on the Motion as amended.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>		<b>MARRONE:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ALLINSON:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TATTA:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>CARMODY;</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>TESTA:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>

6 – AYE  
3 – NAY  
0 – ABSTAIN  
0 - ABSENT  
**MOTION: PASSES**

Councilor Carmody proposed that the Mayor’s salary be increased to a competitive level and commensurate to the role. He gave examples from surrounding towns. The Charter only allows an increase in an election year. This will result in a fractional change to the mill rate to increase the general fund revenues to pay for it. It will be \$34,000.

**MOTION TO raise the annual salary of the Mayor to \$130,000 in this year's budget.**

**MADE BY: CARMODY  
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Hearing no questions, Chairman Cervoni called for a vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>		<b>MARRONE:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ALLINSON:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TATTA:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>CARMODY:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>TESTA:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>

**6 – AYE  
2 – NAY  
1 – ABSTAIN  
0 – ABSENT  
MOTION: PASSES**

**MOTION TO increase the BOE sustained services budget by \$2 million to avoid the inevitable layoffs that will happen if we cut their budget by \$2.9 million as proposed.**

**MADE BY: ALLINSON  
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Councilor Tatta clarified that the Council can't determine line item expenditures in the BOE budget. The amount of their budget increase request was reduced by the Mayor. She doesn't believe that layoffs are inevitable.

Councilor Allinson agreed that we can't allocate funds to the specific lines, but noted that we just passed four of them. The \$7.89 million was for strategic plan items. There is not much in the sustained service budget besides maintenance, heat, and staff. By not funding sustained budget services, there will be a deficit in services and payroll. It is not responsible to the students to increase class sizes. The Council seems to be more concerned about projects than people. The best investment is in education. She thanked Councilor Tatta for a phenomenal job in preparing the motion. She explained that she is asking for \$2 million because she thought the BOE could find a way to save the rest. She agrees that this essentially negates the budget that Councilor Tatta moved to ARPA funds.

Councilor Zandri calculated that the resulting tax increase would be .44 mills, which brings us back to the original increase in the Mayor's budget. This benefits students and won't move the needle that much.

Councilor Marrone noted that the BOE can spend the money any way they want. Philosophically, he supports the funds for education. He asked how much the budget should grow every year. Maybe there are other ways for the BOE to reduce the budget.

Councilor Zandri noted that the BOE request was for an increase of 6.22%. The Mayor's budget reduced the increase to 3.02%. If we restore \$2 million that brings it to a 5.9% increase. This is right on target. It does not exceed inflation.



Councilor Fishbein asked where the tax increase ends up. The first proposal was for zero. The second proposal was for a small increase. We added to it the Mayor's salary and now add another \$2 million. It appears that the motion actually increases the tax increase proposed by the Mayor. Mr. Sena stated that he would have to do the math.

Councilor Allinson stated that the tax increase in the letter is \$3,324,000. Mr. Sena stated that that is a .11 increase on top of what the Mayor proposed.

Councilor Tatta noted that proposal #4, the proposal restored some education spending. She stated that she didn't feel she had been treated respectfully at this meeting. She asked where the \$2 million would come from.

Councilor Allinson replied that it would come from a tax increase. She added that no strategic items should be supported because they can't support the sustained budget.

Councilor Zandri estimated that the result would be a \$30 additional increase in taxes.

Chairman Cervoni apologized and stated that he didn't hear the comments as being directed at one person but at the entire Council. He had no intent to allow disrespect.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tammy Raccio, 123 Chimney Hill Road reminded the Council that Council approved the collective bargaining contracts and the transportation increase that is in the budget. It is disingenuous to approve the contracts and not fund them. She added that there will be layoffs with this underfunded sustained budget. It will have a definite impact on student-facing services. She reminded them of the increasing mental health needs in the school system.

Councilor Zandri compared this to unfunded mandates from the State and stated that we should consider supporting this.

Councilor Tatta stated that this is the first she has heard about the potential for layoffs.

Chairman Cervoni called for a vote on the motion.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>		<b>MARRONE:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>ALLINSON:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>TATTA:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>CARMODY;</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TESTA:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>NO</b>

**2 – AYE**

**7 – NAY**

**0 – ABSTAIN**

**0 – ABSENT**

**MOTION: FAILS**

**MOTION TO adjourn at 8:55 pm.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**

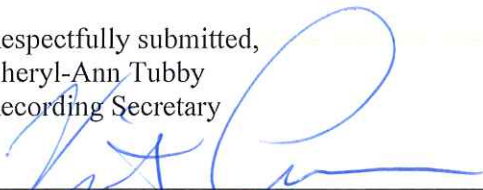
**SECONDED BY: ALLINSON**

Mr. Sena noted that the Mayor's raise will only affect the budget for six months as it will go into effect in January.

Councilor Allinson apologized to Councilor Tatta and stated that she intended no disrespect with her comments.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl-Ann Tubby  
Recording Secretary

  
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Vincent Cervoni, Chair

6/13/2023  
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Date

  
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Joan M. Stave, Acting Town Clerk

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