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Finance Committee Minutes 03/16/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/16/05

ATTENDEES:

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| McGaffigan | Fey* | Dunn* | O'Neill* | Mahoney |
| DeCoursey* | Connors | Simmons* | | |
| Tosti* | Foskett* | Deyst* | Ronan* | |
| Piandes | Franclemont* | Jones* | Olsen | |
| DuBois* | Howard* | Fanning* | | Kneeland* |

* Indicates present

VISITORS: none

MINUTES of 3/14/05 approved as corrected. Unanimous.

TRANSFER from Reserve Fund to Town Clerk. GenGov SubCom (Howard) , using a handout, summarized reasons for a projected overrun, provided backup info, and recommended approval of the formal request. VOTED \$8000. Unanimous.

BUD 2 SELECTMEN: GenGov SubCom (DuBois) recommended several corrections in the printed budget. She also provided a list of the consolidated polling places approved by the BOS for the annual election which will reduce costs by requiring fewer police officers. The budget was reduced to reflect passing the parking sticker program to the Treasurer. VOTED \$289,578. 10-0-2

BUD 4 PERSONNEL: Pers SubCom (O'Neill) recommended the budget as printed with complements to the dept. VOTED \$159983. Unanimous.

BUD 6 TREASURER: Finance SubCom (Dunn), using a handout, recommended several changes to the budget as printed. After some discussion, VOTED \$589640. Unanimous.

BUD 7 POSTAGE: Finance SubCom (Dunn) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$143595. Unanimous.

BUD 12 PARKING: Finance SubCom (Dunn) , using a handout, recommended substantial changes to the budget as printed. This budget now includes the parking sticker sales formerly handled by the BOS. VOTED \$87097. Unanimous.

BUD 13 PLANNING: GenGov SubCom (DuBois) recommended the budget as printed. This budget had been tabled pending explanation by the Manager about filling the vacant position. He discussed this subject w/ the FinCom on 3/2. O'Neill to ask Personnel for a list of people, grades & salaries holding the grant-supported positions. VOTED \$186097. Unanimous.

BUD 17a COMMUNITY SAFETY ADMIN: ComSafe SubCom (O'Neill, Simmons) recommended this budget as printed. VOTED \$337747. Unanimous.

BUD 17b POLICE: ComSafe SubCom (O'Neill, Simmons) stated that with 2 vacancies, 1 officer injured, and 2 at academy the overtime budget is \$160k over budget. The Department now has 3 Capt, 8 Lt, 9 Sgt, 41 patrolmen. This includes 2 detectives. The staff has been reduced by 9 since FY00, though this includes 5 added with temporary federal funds. They recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$6098334. Unanimous.

BUD 17e STREET LIGHTS: ComSafe SubCom (O'Neill, Simmons) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$250000. Unanimous.

BUD 18A INSPECTION SERVICES: ComSafe SubCom (O'Neill, Simmons) corrected the salary of the zoning assistant. VOTED \$329713. Unanimous. SubCom to find out how much the department expects to realize from fees.

Note: The ComSafe SubCom would like to interview the new fire chief when appointed before presenting the budgets he/she is responsible for.

BUD 21d COA: Lib/HumServ SubCom (Franclemont) explained the difference between the COA (department) & COA(advisory board). She recommended the budget as printed after verifying the social worker's salary. This budget partly restores heavy cuts made in FY03. VOTED \$130495. Unanimous.

SCHOOL BUDGET Ed SubCom provided copies of school budget in preparation for hearing on Monday.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: 300,000 – 8000 (Clerk) – 9500 (Manager) = \$282,500

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 3/21 School Committee. 3/23 PAYT, Minuteman. 3/28 Capital planning, W&S EP. Future mtgs w/ Treasurer, ConCom No mtg week starting Sun 4/12.

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/17/05

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