# ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DOCKET OCTOBER 20, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING** to set the tax classification for Fiscal year 2021.

#### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

## Cathleen DeSimone, Chairperson

After review and recommendation by the Traffic Study Commission, an isolated stop sign be installed for "southbound drivers on Loomis Street at Como Drive" and that Section 10-4.11 of the Revised Ordinances be amended accordingly. (Ms. DeSimone)

As you all know; speeding is one of the biggest complaints we get in the city. Our police need all the assistance they can get and until we create a traffic unit in the police department, speed radars are an effective way to reduce speeding where speed humps are not available. Speed radars also help reduce speeding while keeping police in their cars and decreasing the contact the public has with the police, which is a good thing with the pandemic going on as well as the sensitive environment that police operate in right now. These are public safety issues. Additionally, as many of you know, not everyone stops for pedestrians in crosswalks. The police department often conduct operations to enforce compliance with stopping at a crosswalk. However, we can do more to keep citizens safe. Lighted crosswalks are one means. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$103,260.09 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to the following:

\$41,575.45 to Account 14201000-585082 (Public Works – Crosswalk System) \$61,684.64 to Account 14201000-585083 (Public Works – Radar Sign System)

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the anticipated receipt of the FY21 911 Training Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) – State 911 Department in the amount of approximately \$230,450.60. Monies from this grant must be expended no later than June 30, 2021. Please note that there is no matching requirement. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Personnel Director Owen Bebeau regarding the executed memorandum of agreement with the Attleboro Crossing Guards Association for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$3,623.40 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 13001000-511110 (School Crossing

Guards – Salaries). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$292,472.38.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Fire Chief Scott T. Lachance regarding the need to pay an FY2020 invoice to RedLine in the amount of \$1,500.00. A vote authorizing payment is needed to satisfy this debt.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CITY DEVELOPMENT

Richard

Conti,

Chairperson

#### PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ty Waterman, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body rescind the following vote from the September 8, 2020 meeting:

#3. Voted on Roll Call 11 yeas – 0 nays to hold a public hearing on October 6, 2020 to amend Ordinance Section 2-18.1 Organization, to increase the number of members from nine to fifteen for the Council on Human Rights.

This vote is no longer needed as the number of members for the Council on Human Rights does not need to be increased at this time.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

## Kate Jackson, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need to pay a Distribution Grade 4 License exam fee for a Water Department employee from FY2020. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$102.00 from Account 6100-578300 (Water Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6100-578020 (Water Enterprise Fund – Bills from Previous Years). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$42,911.15.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need to pay a Distribution Grade 3 License exam fee for a Water Department employee from FY2020. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$102.00 from Account 6100-578300 (Water Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6100-578020 (Water Enterprise Fund – Bills from Previous Years). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$42,809.15.

The Mayor respectfully submits to you a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull and Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need for funds to pay a fiscal 2020 invoice in the Franklin Street Water Main capital

project fund. Therefore, I hereby request that Your Honorable Body appropriate \$1,947.00 from Account 6100-359000 (Water Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Fund #3335 Franklin Street Water Main Replacement. And further authorize the payment of \$3,338.04 prior year invoice to *Lorusso Corp*.

#### PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Ty Waterman, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull regarding a grant that has been awarded by the Center for Tech and Civic Life of \$19,371.00. The grant is for COVID-19 related expenses associated with safely administering the November 3, 2020 election. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments by the Attleboro Elections Office. (Voted as an Emergency Measure – 10-6-2020)

#### **BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION**

## Jay DiLisio, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull detailing updated state assessments were released after Your Honorable Body passed the fiscal 2021 Budget. The final State and County Assessments are \$17,920.00 less than what was submitted during the budget process, and the new amount is \$6,041,522 (see chart below and enclosed memo). The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to rescind the Intergovernmental State & County Assessments in the amount of \$6,059,422.00 within Council Vote #15 of June 23, 2020 and replace it with the amount listed below. (copies in your packets)

19801000 STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 56 INTERGOVERNMENTAL \$6,041,522.00 TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS \$6,041,522.00

During the preparation of the annual budgets, assessors across the Commonwealth provide budget officials with a preliminary estimate of the new growth increase in the community's Proposition 2 ½ levy limit, so that a preliminary limit can be calculated and a revenue estimate established. However, Boards of Assessors are then required to report final new growth each year as a part of setting the tax rate. The Mayor has been informed that the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services has officially certified the fiscal 2021 new growth at \$1,109,056.00, which is \$509,056.00 greater than the preliminary estimate carried in the fiscal 2021 Budget.

Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests that Your Honorable Body approve a supplemental appropriation to the following accounts:

\$300,000 to 11241000-596000 City Wide/Contribution to Stabilization \$200,000 to 11241000-596300 City Wide/Contribution to Special Education Stabilization

Details on the request are in a memorandum from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull. Again, in order to properly reflect this measure on the fiscal 2021 tax recapitulation, it is necessary to vote this matter prior to submission of the fiscal 2021 tax rate. The \$9,056.00 not supplementally appropriated here is being used to balance the fiscal 2021 budget and reduce use of available free cash.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull detailing the need to use free cash to balance the fiscal 2021 budget. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests that Your Honorable Body appropriate \$1,694,354.36 of available free cash from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash) to fund the fiscal 2021 General Government Annual Budget.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull detailing updated expenditure numbers for excluded debt. The tax rate set for excluded debt equals the expenditure amount. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve a supplemental appropriation of \$1,157,035.00 to Account 13001000-592043 (Education – AHS Issue 3 Interest). As you know, this payment will be raised on the FY21 tax bill consistent with the April 3, 2018 Debt Exclusion vote.

## ZONING AND LAND USE

## **Todd Kobus, Chairperson**

#### **LICENSES**

A class 2 license amendment request from Automazed of 885 Washington Street Attleboro.

A class 2 license amendment request from Automazed II of 826 Washington Street Attleboro.

#### **CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS**

## Sara-Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding a vehicle that the Police Department would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition: (Copies in your packets)

Year	Make/Model Condition	<u>Vin #</u>	Miles
1993	GMC/3500 Sierra Bucket Truck Very Poor	1GDJC34K0PE557945	158,382

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS Diana Holmes, Chairperson			