

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
Regular and Annual Budget Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2023

John Zon Community Center/Zoom Hybrid

6:30 pm to 11:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Guin.

**CHAIRS STATEMENT:** This meeting is being recorded by the City Council and GCTV-17. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. (It was noted that Mike Mastrototaro was also recording these proceedings.) In accordance with MGLc 30A SS 20(g) “No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the Chair and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.”

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. All Councilors were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Roxann Wedegartner; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Assistant City Clerk Quinn Jaquins; Finance Director/City Auditor/City Accountant Diana Schindler; Greenfield School Superintendent Dr. Christine DeBarge; School Committee Chairperson Amy Proietti; School Business Manager Andy Paquette; Police Chief Robert Haigh; Fire Chief Robert Strahan; DPW Director Marlo Warner; Council on Aging Director Hope Macary; IT Director Fernando Fleury; Community & Economic Development Grant Program Assistant Christian LaPlante; Parliamentarian Wilson Roberts; GCTV-17 staff and members of the public.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS, TO ALLOW THE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine DeBarge submitted a written communication to the Council (see attached).

**MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:** None

**OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following members of the public spoke:

- Pete Brown, James Street, spoke to the importance of a properly funded school system including extracurricular programs.
- Verne Sund, Barton Road, spoke to the need to fully fund the school budget.
- Shane Toomey, Raingley Road, student at Greenfield High School, spoke to the importance of fully funding the school budget.
- Stella Verlander, Pond Street, student at Greenfield High School, spoke to the importance of fully funding the school budget.

- Jean Wall, Countryside, spoke to her experience as a realtor and how schools were a prime reason for families to seek residence in towns/cities.
- Jocelyn Cozzo, Madison Circle, spoke to the need to fully fund the school budget. She also encouraged the City to sufficiently staff the new library building.
- Andrew Varnon, Maple Street, Greenfield Middle School teacher, spoke to the importance of fully funding the school budget.
- Erin Anhalt, Beacon Street, spoke to the importance of fully funding the school budget.
- Pamela Goodwin, High Street, spoke to her experience as a teacher in Greenfield and the importance of a fully funded school budget.
- David Moscaritolo, Country Club Road, a member of the Public Safety Commission, spoke to support the funding of the Fire and Police Departments.
- Rachel Cronen-Townsend, Madison Circle, a teacher at the Greenfield Public Schools, spoke to her frustration for the continued request to the Council for fully fund the school budget.
- Doug Selwyn, Forest Avenue, spoke to the experiences of teachers and students during and after the COVID pandemic and the importance of continuing to fund extra-curricular programs for the schools.
- Max Belcher, Church Street, on behalf of he and his wife Ellie Mandell requested that all Committee, Board and Commission meetings in Greenfield be remote or hybrid to accommodate residents with the inability to attend meetings in person. He also requested that all Committee, Board and Commission meeting agendas posted on the website include any documentation that would be discussed at the meetings.
- Rafe Wolman, Devon Street, spoke to the importance of funding extra-curricular programs and their staffing, especially programs supporting music appreciation.
- Ella Condon, Precinct 8, spoke to her support to fully fund the school budget and also to support funding programs outside of the police department that addressed public safety.
- Eve Bogdanove, Shattuck Street, spoke to the importance of a fully funded school budget and community programs.
- Steven O'Halloran, Vermont Street, spoke to the importance of a fully funded school budget including extra - curricular activity programs.
- Lora Wondolowski, Conway Street, spoke to the importance of a fully funded school budget and extra - curricular activity programs, including music and sports.
- Jesus Leyva, High Street, spoke to the decrease in State Aid for schools and how not addressing this issue would have significant consequences towards future school budgets.
- Emily Ballard, Glenbrook Drive, spoke to the importance of schools as social values to students in association with the academic and learning benefits.
- Students from Stoneleigh Burnham School, Bernardston Road, urged the Councilors to support a resolution submitted on behalf of the students on a proposed 28<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution which addressed the raising and spending of funds in campaigns, elections and ballot measures by large corporate entities.
- Wendy Goodman, Green River Road, spoke to the importance of how a fully funded school budget to produce educated, well rounded, productive members of a future society.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Desorgher read the public hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield City Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., May 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., and Zoom: <https://greenfield-ma-gov.zoom.us/j/93909109210?pwd=VTBNczVhemFnZkNWTmxUWUxDUWdWdz09> Meeting ID 939 0910 9210, to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$750 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Greenfield High School Track ADA Access.
- Appropriate \$75,500 from CPA Undesignated to fund the Beacon Park Improvements Project.
- Appropriate \$22,226.31 from CPA Undesignated to fund Citywide Outdoor Site Amenities.
- Appropriate \$47,523.69 from CPA Reserved for Community Housing and \$52,476.31 from CPA Undesignated (\$100,000 total), to be provided to the CSO-Wells Street Shelter Expansion Project.
- Appropriate \$31,023.69 from CPA Reserved for Historic Resources for the FCAS Barn Rehabilitation.
- Appropriate \$15,000 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Highland Park Trail Restoration Project.
- Appropriate \$15,500 from CPA Reserved for Historic Resources for the Historical Society-Document Preservation Project.
- Appropriate \$1,000 from CPA Reserved for Historic Resources to the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage (MOIH).
- Appropriate \$7,773.69 from CPA Reserved for Open Space and \$42,226.31 from CPA Undesignated (\$50,000 total) for the Greenfield Pickleball Court Expansion Project.
- Appropriate \$24,000 from CPA Reserved for Open Space to fund the Shattuck Park Fitness Cluster.
- FY2024 Operating Budget (6 Orders)
  - Appropriate \$61,627,584 for the FY2024 General Fund Budget.
  - Appropriate \$100,000 by transfer from Fund 8406 OPEB Stabilization to reduce FY2024 General Fund Operating Budget raise from \$61,327,584 to \$61,227,584.
  - Appropriate \$2,231, 889 for the FY24 Water Enterprise Fund.
  - Appropriate \$3,404,557 for the FY24 Sewer Enterprise Fund.
  - Appropriate \$2,431,535 for the FY24 GCET Enterprise Fund.
  - Establish Spending Limits on Revolving Funds not to exceed \$695,967.

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Daniel Guin, Greenfield City Council President

President Guin opened the public hearing at 7:30 pm. The following members of the public spoke:

- Jesus Leyva, High Street, read from a prepared statement requested the Council to reduce the Police Department budget by \$175,000, Chief Haigh's salary (see attached).

Councilor Desorgher noted that the amount listed on the order for the proposed appropriation for the FY24 Sewer Enterprise Budget was incorrect. This matter would be addressed after the public hearing.

President Guin closed the public hearing at 7:34 pm.

Councilor Desorgher read the second reading:

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## **MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Order no. FY 23-153**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was by majority, 12 yes, 1 no,

**WITHDRAWN:** THAT IT BE ORDERED PURSUANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, RULE 6B, I HEREBY SUBMIT A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTION DEFEATED AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2023:

**Order no. FY 23-114** Roll call vote, 4 yes, 7 no,

**DEFEATED:** THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$62,180 BE APPROPRIATED FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE, AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, TRANSFER \$62,180 FROM FUND 8402 CAPITAL STABILIZATION.

### **Order no. FY 23-158**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION: DANIEL PIASECKI – ALTERNATE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2025 (SHORT TERM TO REPLACE HEATHER VALENTA) AND HEATHER VALENTA – FROM ALTERNATE TO FULL MEMBER, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026.

### **Order no. FY 23-135**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE, THE SUM OF \$750.00 TO FUND THE GHS TRACK ADA ACCESS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR A CONCRETE CONNECTION PATH TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND SPECTATOR VIEWING AREA BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

**DISCUSSION:** A brief presentation on the Community Preservation Committee and their role in appropriating funds for requested community projects. Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lapienski, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was, **MOVED:** TO TAKE ALL CPA APPROPRIATIONS AS A GROUP AND VOTE ON THEM TOGETHER.

**DISCUSSION:** Although the Ways & Means Committee forwarded the same recommendations for all appropriations, there were different amounts and fund sources associated with each order.

It was by roll call, 4 yes, 8 no, 1 abstention,  
**DEFEATED:** TO APPROVE MOTION TO COMBINE CPA APPROPRIATIONS.

Order no. FY23-135 was on the floor as a separate appropriation.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-135.

**Order no. FY 23-136**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Elmer, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA UNDESIGNATED, THE SUM OF \$75,500 TO FUND THE BEACON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW BOCCIE COURTS AND REPLACEMENT OF TWO WATER FOUNTAINS AT THE BEACON PARK BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-136.

**Order no. FY 23-137**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA UNDESIGNATED, THE SUM OF \$22,226.31 TO FUND CITYWIDE OUTDOOR SITE AMENITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN INTERACTIVE PLAY AMENITIES TO BE PLACED ON RECREATION-CONTROLLED PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-137.

**Order no. FY 23-138**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING, THE SUM OF \$47,523.69 AND FROM CPA UNDESIGNATED, THE SUM OF \$52,476.31, FOR A TOTAL OF \$100,000, TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CSO-WELLS STREET SHELTER EXPANSION PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SHELTER AT 60 WELLS STREET BY CLINICAL SUPPORT OPTIONS.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-138.

**Order no. FY 23-139**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE SUM OF \$31,023.69, FOR THE FCAS BARN REHABILITATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNTS REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CATTLE BARN ROOFS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-139.

**Order no. FY 23-140**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE, THE SUM OF \$15,000 TO FUND THE HIGHLAND PARK TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE RENOVATION OF TRAILS IN HIGHLAND PARK AND TEMPLE WOODS BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH KIM BOAS.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-140.

**Order no. FY 23-141**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE SUM OF \$15,500, FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – DOCUMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS DONATED BY THE ESTATE OF PETER MILLER.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-141.

**Order no. FY 23-142**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE SUM OF \$1,000 TO THE MUSEUM OF OUR INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE (MOIH), AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE RESTORATION OF ANTIQUE SHOP EQUIPMENT.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-142.

**Order no. FY 23-143**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE, THE SUM OF \$7,773.69, AND FROM CPA UNDESIGNATED THE SUM OF \$42,226.31, FOR A TOTAL OF \$50,000, FOR THE GREENFIELD PICKLEBALL COURT EXPANSION PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND SITE READINESS OF A MULTI-COURT PICKLEBALL FACILITY ADJACENT TO THE ABERCROMBIE FIELD BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH GREENFIELD MA PICKLEBALL.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-143.

***Order no. FY 23-144***

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROPRIATE FROM CPA RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE, THE SUM OF \$24,000 TO FUND THE SHATTUCK PARK FITNESS CLUSTER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FITNESS CLUSTER AT SHATTUCK PARK BY THE GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously (of Councilors within the rail),  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-144.

It was noted that Councilor Lapienski left the rail at the time of the vote.

President Guin called for a 5 minute recess at 7:59 pm.  
President Guin resume meeting at 8:08 pm.

***Order no. FY 23-145***

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Forgey, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$61,627,584, WHICH IS THE FULL AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024), BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES STATED. TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, \$250,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PARKING METER RECEIPTS RESERVED AND \$50,000 FROM FREE CASH; \$61,327,584 WILL BE FROM RAISE AND APPROPRIATE.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$4,000 from the City Council Expenditures Line Item. She stated that the amount used for meetings and seminars by the Council did not exceed \$500.00 in most instances.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Elmer, it was by majority, 12 yes, 1 no,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$4,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$23,000 TO \$19,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM BY \$4,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$92,150 TO \$88,150.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$4,342 from the Mayor Salary & Wages Line Item. She stated that the raise the Mayor had given to herself was eliminated and the position of Communications Director did not require an increase in salary.



**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$4,342, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$236,843 TO \$232,501.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$1,178 from the Mayor Expenditures Line Item.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Bullock, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$1,178, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$22,900 TO \$21,722.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL MAYOR LINE ITEM BY \$5,520, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$259,743 TO \$254,223.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$34,334 from the Economic Development & Marketing Salary & Wages Line Item. She stated the position of Director for that department fully funded through appropriation from the City as opposed to CDBG (Community Development Block Grants). She also noted that the department's past budgets had increased by 58% & 40%, respectively.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Elmer, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$34,334, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$107,044 TO \$72,710.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Inquiry was made if Community Development Block Grant was no longer available to fund the salary of the Economic Development & Marketing director.
- It was noted that half of the director's position would be funded through the City in order to allow the position to engage in marijuana development in the City.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$34,334, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$107,044 TO \$72,710.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$15,880 from the Economic Development & Marketing Expenditures Line Item. It was noted the requested amount for that line item was double from last year and the funding was used for unnecessary subscription payments.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Bullock, it was by majority, 1 abstention,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$15,880, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$40,880 TO \$25,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Mayo, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL EXECUTIVE LINE ITEM BY \$55,734, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$492,267 TO \$436,533.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$30,000 from the Labor Legal Services Line Item. It was noted that as of April 30, 2023, the funds used for Legal Services was approximately \$8,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Golub, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE LABOR LEGAL SERVICES LINE ITEM BY \$30,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$95,000 TO \$65,000.

**DISCUSSION:** In order to be prepared for any future labor issues, an amount would need to be reasonably available.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE LABOR LEGAL SERVICES LINE ITEM BY \$30,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$95,000 TO \$65,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES LINE ITEM BY \$10,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$100,000 TO \$90,000.

**DISCUSSION:** An excessive amount of legal opinions had been requested and a few instances seemed unnecessary endeavors.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES LINE ITEM BY \$10,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$100,000 TO \$90,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lapinski, second by Councilor Mayo, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY SERVICE LINE ITEM BY \$40,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$90,000 TO \$50,000.

**DISCUSSION:** It would be a reckless gesture on the part of the Council to reduce a line item to a degree that could affect a department's ability to function in the manner it was intended.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Motion to reduce City Attorney Service Line Item was on the floor for vote.

It was by majority, 2 yes, 11 no,  
**DEFEATED:** TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY SERVICE LINE ITEM BY \$40,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$90,000 TO \$50,000.

Total Legal Line Item was amended by \$40,000, reducing the total from \$195,000 to \$155,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Forgey, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT LINE ITEM BY \$40,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$1,090,337 TO \$1,050,337.

**DISCUSSION:** It was noted the Ways & Means Committee discussed an additional employee in the Technical Support department due to the possible availability for more virtual meeting and maintenance of cyber security as mentioned in the audit report.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT LINE ITEM BY \$40,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$1,090,337 TO \$1,050,337.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$4,860 from the Central Maintenance Expenditures Line Item. It was noted contracted services were eliminated for the Leavitt - Hovey House cleaning and supplies.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$4,860, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$207,520 TO \$202,660.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Inquiry if there was enough funding to continue to maintain the building as it was in the process of being auctioned off.
- Some of the contracted cleaning services included fire system inspections, fire panel inspection and pest control.
- Fire inspections were required annually by a licensed contractor as part of maintaining a municipal building; however, an inspection was not required at that magnitude for the sale of commercial property.

It was by roll call, 8 yes, 4 no, (of Councilors within the rail),

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$4,860, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$207,520 TO \$202,660.

Total Central Maintenance Line Item was amended by \$4,860, reducing the total from \$726,378 to \$721,518.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$13,000 from the Energy Expenditures Line Item. She noted it represented the electricity use for the Leavitt-Hovey House when not occupied and addressed the significant discrepancy with the Electric Solar Farm's actual costs.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Mayo, it was by majority 12 yes, 1 no,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$13,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$837,663 TO \$824,663.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT LINE ITEM BY \$17,860, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$2,051,993 TO \$2,034,133.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a majority positive recommendation, 4 yes, 1 no, to reduce \$125,000 from the Police Salary & Wages Line Item. She noted it was reduction from the amount of the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lapienski, second by Councilor Mayo, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE POLICE SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$175,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$3,533,109 TO \$3,358,109.

**DISCUSSION:** The amount represents Chief Haigh’s salary and was consistent with comments made by constituents.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was by roll call, 8 yes, 5 no,

**VOTED:** TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Motion to amend Police Salary & Wages Line item by \$175,000 was on the floor for vote.

It was by roll call, 4 yes, 8 no, 1 abstention,

**DEFEATED:** TO AMEND THE POLICE SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$175,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$3,533,109 TO \$3,358,109.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE POLICE SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$125,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$3,533,109 TO \$3,408,109.

**DISCUSSION:**

- The COPS grant that was accepted by the City for \$375,000 was not an inclusion for the \$125,000 and was recognized as a separate funding source apart from the operating budget.
- Inquiry as to whether the total Police Salary & Wages line included the 3 newly hired officers.
- The proposed reduction would not significantly hinder to fully fund for 37 staff members, which included 34 police officers, a court administrator, an accounts manager and a records administrator.
- There were two sources for the canine unit: a grant and a gift.
- More information provided on the process for the Police Department to obtain and use the COPS grant funding.
- Distribution of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding designated for the Police Department.
- Councilors were concerned that any further decrease in the police budget would place them in a similar situation where they were unable to cover a shift.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Golub, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Motion to amend Police Salary & Wages Line item by \$125,000 was on the floor for vote.

It was by roll call, 8 yes, 5 no,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE POLICE SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$125,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$3,533,109 TO \$3,408,109.

Total Police Line Item was amended by \$125,000, reducing the total from \$3,811,909 to \$3,686,909.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to reduce \$87,500 from the Dispatch Center Salary & Wages Line Item. She noted it was a reduction from the amount of the 911 grant.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE DISPATCH CENTER SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$87,500, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$714,698 TO \$627,198.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Councilor Desorgher provided a hand out to Councilors to demonstrate the rationale for the reduction due to the 911 grant (see attached).
- Concern was raised that overtime pay designated for dispatch employees was moved to overtime for the police department, which was considered improper accounting practices. It was suggested in lieu of reducing the salary & wages amount the money would be used towards overtime pay for dispatch.
- Lack of transparency on transfer of funds from one account into another and no ability to follow accounting processes and practices.

It was by roll call, 8 yes, 5 no,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE DISPATCH CENTER SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$87,500, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$714,698 TO \$627,198.

Total Dispatch Center Line Item was amended by \$87,500, reducing the total from \$718,698 to \$631,198.

Total Public Safety Line Item was amended by \$212,500, reducing the total from \$8,334,443 to \$8,121,943.

Without objection, the Council will consider the remainder of the Operating Budget and come back to the Schools. Councilor Desorgher continued with the Public Works budget.

It was noted by Councilor Lapienski that the Health Inspection office had requested an additional position which was not granted by the Mayor and Finance Director. That department was heavily overburdened and this issue should be addressed with the same attention as the school and police departments.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE YOUTH COMMISSION LINE ITEM BY \$1,500, REDUCING THE TOTAL TO 0.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- Councilor Ricketts noted that currently no one was appointed to the Youth Commission aside from herself. She believed the amount should be zeroed out for now.
- Concern was raised for the lack of adequate funding towards programs that would benefit the most venerable residents in Greenfield.
- It was noted that not all Boards and Commissions use their provided funding.

It was by roll call, 11 yes, 2 no,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE YOUTH COMMISSION LINE ITEM BY \$1,500, REDUCING THE TOTAL TO 0.

Total Human Services Line was amended by \$1,500.00, reducing total from \$958,839 to \$957,339.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a majority positive recommendation, 4 yes, 1 abstention, to reduce \$24,526 from the Library Salary & Wages Line Item. She noted the additional of a new half time position as well as a new Library director, in which they were offered a significantly higher salary then the director who had retired.

- The Salary and Wages were increased by \$55,000, which represented 3% raises for the current staff; increase in the library director position and, according to studies conducted within the region; a competitive pay raise for the library director required an increase of \$10,000. The recommended decrease was for the equivalent salary of a children's librarian.
- The new library would require adequate staffing, which would include a children's librarian for evenings and weekends.

- Councilors could not support this reduction.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO CONTINUE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023, AT 6:30 PM, AT JOHN ZON COMMUNITY CENTER AND ZOOM.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Zon Community Center  
 Regular and Annual Budget Meeting  
 May 17, 2023

	Attendance	Vote CPC Orders at once	Reduce City Attorney \$40K	Reduce Cent Main \$4,860	Call Question Reduce \$175,000 PD	Reduce 175K Police Salary	Reduce 125K Police Salary	Reduce 87,500 Dispatch	Zero Out Youth Commission
1. Golub, Katherine	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
2. Guin, Daniel <b>President</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
3. Desorgher, Virginia	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
4. Bottomley, John	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
5. Bullock, Marianne	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
7. Lapienski, Jasper	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	N	Y	---	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Helie, Derek	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y
11. Forgey, Christine <b>Vice - President</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y
13. Terounzo, Michael	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
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*Christine DeBarge Ed. D, Superintendent of Schools*

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**School Committee Chair and Superintendent Update to City Council  
May 17, 2023**

Good evening

We are providing a written update to the Council this evening.

The work regarding possible redistricting options continues. The Administrative team has identified a possible way to realign the school boundaries which may allow grade 5 to be included with elementary schools and also to better represent the City of Greenfield in the enrollment of each elementary school. There is still work to be done to review detailed classroom assignment and I will get feedback from the staff. After those steps are completed, I will provide additional information to the Reimagining our School Facilities subcommittee for further consideration.

The Strategic Planning process is moving into the final steps. Right now, the administrative team is working with TMSolutions to draft goals and action steps based on the data gathered throughout the year. A draft of the final Plan will be presented to the School Committee at the June 14 meeting.

We look forward to some exciting activities during these last five weeks of school. Step Up Day for grade 7 students to visit Greenfield High School is tomorrow, May 18. Step Up Day is scheduled for June 8 for grade 4 students to visit Greenfield Middle School. Senior Awards Night will be held June 1 and Graduation is scheduled for June 3.

The Summer Eats Kick Off will be held Thursday June 22 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area with a rain location at Greenfield Middle School. Please consider stopping by to see the new Food Truck at this event. The truck arrived in district yesterday and training for our staff is being planned.

The last day of school is an early release for students and staff on June 22.

Sincerely,

Christine DeBarge Ed. D  
Superintendent

As read by Jesus Leyva during the public hearing at the May 17, 2023 City Council Meeting

To The Greenfield City council and the members of the public,

I am asking the city council to reduce the proposed line item salary of the Greenfield police department by \$175,000 to represent the Salary of Greenfield Police Chief Haigh. If the concern is police staffing, terminate chief Haigh's employment, restore the funding after he is gone and use the \$175,000 to hire 2 new patrol officers and provide a raise to the officer who assumes the responsibility of acting Chief.

It has been a year at this point since the City Council tried to send a clear message regarding the 2022 buchanan verdict by partially defunding the police department by \$425,000 and by a vote of no confidence concerning Chief Haigh. The Mayor and Chief of Police have failed to attempt to reconcile these issues despite a year to consider a response.

In 2013 when Chief Haigh assumed the responsibility of Greenfield Police Chief; a previous chief had a public complaint filed against them with a state agency, public trust in the Greenfield police department was low and the Greenfield police department was in the midst of a public lawsuit.

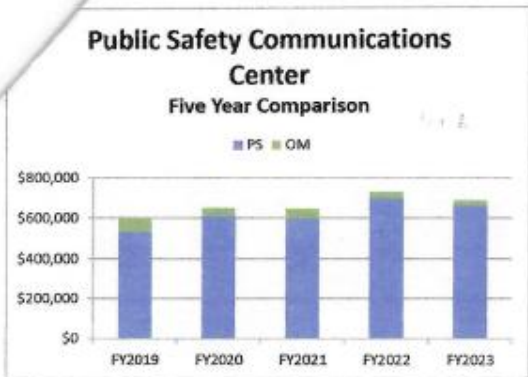
It's 2023; Chief Haigh has a public complaint field against him with a state agency signed by over 100 residents and a majority of city council, public trust in the Greenfield police department is at an all time low and the Greenfield police department is in the midst of an even more public lawsuit.

Look around you, we are not surrounded by other communities with publicized lawsuits against their Police departments. Our police department functioned adequately in the summer of 2022 under acting chief Gordon while Chief Haigh was on his leave of absence.

Fear cannot be the basis for funding Chief Haigh's salary and there is nothing to justify that fear. And should the mayor and Chief Haigh hid behind the firing of junior officers to try and preserve chief Haigh's employment, that action is not on city council, that is an administrative choice. An administrative choice that could have easily been avoided if the Mayor, Police Chief or public safety commission had even the slightest inclination to reconcile the deep divide on public safety caused by circumstances arising from Chief Haigh and the Mayor's executive decisions.



Dan From Northampton 2023 Budget PDF



	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Actual FY2021	Budget FY2022	Budget FY2023	\$ Change FY22-FY23
PS	529,120	610,171	597,369	696,014	660,293	(35,721)
OM	69,986	36,808	48,595	31,392	24,998	(6,394)
Total	599,107	646,979	645,965	727,406	685,291	(42,115)

Unit	Budget FY2019	Budget FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022	Budget FY2023	Change FY22-FY23
NAPEA	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
NR	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00

212 - PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Description	Name	Barg. Unit	Hrs/Week	FTE	FY2023 Budget	Funding Sources	
						General Fund	Other Source
Director	Kelly Schuetze	NAPEA	40.00	1.00	82,517	82,517	
Dispatcher	Lisa Day	NR	40.00	1.00	63,594	-	63,594 PSAP Grant
Dispatcher	Susan Gilbert	NR	40.00	1.00	56,215	56,215	
Dispatcher	Julia Thibodo	NR	40.00	1.00	56,215	56,215	
Dispatcher	Vacancy	NR	40.00	1.00	53,512	53,512	
Dispatcher	Bartholomew Casey	NR	40.00	1.00	53,512	53,512	
Dispatcher	Anthony Bosworth	NR	40.00	1.00	53,512	53,512	
Dispatcher	Mary Kandrotas	NR	40.00	1.00	53,512	53,512	
Dispatcher	Maegan Leon	NR	40.00	1.00	52,204	52,204	
Dispatcher	Jeronimo Fernandez	NR	40.00	1.00	50,941	50,941	
Dispatcher	Elijah Edmonds	NR	40.00	1.00	49,701	49,701	
Lead Dispatcher	Vacancy	NR	40.00	1.00	65,501	612	64,889 PSAP Grant
Part-time Operational (Trainers)					10,000	10,000	
Per Diem Dispatchers					1,500	1,500	
Overtime					40,000	40,000	
Holiday Pay					36,000	36,000	
Longevity					4,800	4,800	
Weekend Differential					5,000	5,000	
Cell Phone Allowance					540	540	
<b>Total Personnel Services:</b>				<b>12.00</b>	<b>788,776</b>	<b>660,293</b>	<b>128,483</b>

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Received @ 5/17/23 Council mtg - from Councilor DeSorgher