



Public Safety Commission

Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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January 6, 2016 4:30 PM Greenfield PD Meeting Rm.

SPECIAL MEETING:

FY17 Budget Hearings

Fire Department
Police Department
Dispatch

Call to Order: 4:30 PM

Commissioners Clark, Hawkins, Longley, Provost and White attended the meeting. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly posted.

Police Budget:

Chief Haigh presents his budget: He stated this year's budget is built from the standpoint of level funding. Negotiated raises are included but are in addition to level funding. Some line items are increase while others are reduced in an effort to meet upcoming needs.

Discussion centered on vehicle leases and other minor changes to the budget.

Motion: Commissioner Longley moved to recommend to Mayor Martin a police department budget for FY17 in the amount of \$3,311,202.00, seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Vote: All in favor the motion passes.

Dispatch Budget:

Chief Haigh presents the dispatch budget: He stated that the Mayor has given operations of the dispatch to his department. This move is a result of the dispatch supervisor resigning.

Discussion: Commissioners questioned staffing needs and training. Chief Haigh stated that interviews are in progress and training requirements is being met. He also stated that a policy review was underway and changes may occur. He will advise the commission as process continues. He is recommending a budget of \$599,286.36 for FY17.

Motion: Commissioner Longley moves to recommend to Mayor Martin a dispatch budget of \$599,286.36 for FY17, seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Vote: All in favor the motion passes.

Fire Department:

Chief Strahan presents his department budget: He stated he wanted to thank Commissioner's Clark and Longley for working with him during the late summer and early fall in reviewing and preparing the FY17 budget. He stated this year's fire department budget is also built with a level funding approach and while some line items are adjusted up or down, overall the budget is relatively level. Negotiated settlements are present in the budget, which is outside the level portion of the request. Mayor Martin requested this format, he said.

He continues to make a case for a fifth full time firefighter however, funding for that position is not present in his request for \$2,332,556.51 for FY17.

Discussion: Commissioner Longley sought to remind all department heads of the importance to trying to keep operating costs as efficient as possible. He stated, residents are under great pressure to pay for increases in taxes in support of services. All commissioners felt departments are performing very well given budget restraints.

Motion: Commissioner Longley moves to recommend to Mayor Martin a fire department budget for FY17 in the amount of \$2,332,556.51, seconded by Commissioner Provost.

Vote: All in favor the motion passes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 27, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion: Commissioner White move to end the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor the meeting ended at 5:56 PM

Robert E. Hawkins, Chair