

**CITY OF GROTON
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 3, 2019
7:00 PM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Clerk Patrick read the posting of the Notice of Meeting and the Warning to Electors. There were 22 electors present.

Mayor Hedrick read the following statement on the budget:

As required by Article VI, Section 2 (a) of the Charter, I submit to you the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020).

I am submitting a budget which includes an increase of \$3,427,344 in comparison with FY 2019.

The large increase in the proposed budget is based on the anticipation of an increase in building permit revenues. This will also result in increases to contractual services budgets for assistance with the additional inspections that would be required. However, knowing that these revenues are not guaranteed, the budget was designed so that certain expenditures could be frozen with no affect to the taxpayers.

This budget also follows the FY19 budget with funding for capital projects. Contingency contains \$2,000,000 for undesignated capital projects. This will allow us to prioritize items in the CIP that have been held off over the past several years. You'll also find in this budget continued efforts to reserve funds for future purchases of vehicles.

The use of the undesignated fund balance will be \$800,000. This will leave a healthy reserve of 22.15%, slightly less than FY 2019.

The proposed budget would produce a decrease of .28 mills, resulting in a mill rate of 4.30. For taxpayers, this would mean a tax decrease of \$28.00 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The City continues to be fiscally responsible.

Mayor Hedrick read the General Fund Anticipated Revenues and General Fund Proposed Appropriations.

GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Property taxes (at 4.3 mills), Interest and Lien Fees	\$5,001,963
Intergovernmental Revenues	5,083,236
Licenses and Permits	3,302,600
Interdepartmental Revenues	4,890,150
Miscellaneous Revenues	139,500
Operating Transfers In	15,000
Service Charge	195,000
Utilization of Fund Balance	<u>800,000</u>
Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues	\$19,427,449

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GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	\$3,483,381
Police Department	5,289,625
Fire Department	3,214,637
Civil Preparedness	11,459
Public Works Department	3,163,349
Public Buildings	175,581
Parks and Recreation Department	1,339,517
Non-Departmental	260,000
Debt Service	374,900
Contingency	<u>2,115,000</u>
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$19,427,449

Mayor Hedrick read a section of Robert's Rules of Order pertaining to debate on a motion that states the debate must be germane to the motion topic. Going off on irrelevant topics is not in order.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 1 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Item 1. To appropriate for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in The Day on May 27, 2019 and in full on the City of Groton website at www.cityofgroton.com and levy a tax and other incomes to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, said tax to be collected July 1, 2019.

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Hali Keeler, 45 Ramsdell Street seconded a motion to approve Item 1.

Mayor Hedrick asked if any members of the public had signed up to speak.

Clerk Patrick said there were none.

Mayor Hedrick asked for a show of hands to vote. Motion carried 22-0-0.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 2 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Item 2. To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

City of Groton Annual Budget meeting minutes of June 4, 2018.

Reginald Stanford, 184 Baker Avenue Ext moved Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue seconded a motion to approve Item 2.

Mayor Hedrick asked for a vote. Motion carried 22-0-0.

Item 3. To take any action on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

There being no other action Mayor Hedrick called for a motion to adjourn.

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II. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue seconded a motion to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**