

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



OFFICE OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL

APPROVED – 4/5/22

## Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 28, 2022

### A. Call to Order

Councilor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

### Committee Members Present:

Councilor Wood, Councilor George and Councilor Gallagher.

Also in attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton and Council President Matthew Rushton.

### B. Public Comment:

Ed Ivaldi – commented on the local tax option retail marijuana Ordinance.

### C. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

*Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2022 which was duly seconded by Councilor George.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

### D. Legislation Referred:

#### **Ordinance D-FY22-019: Acceptance of Local Tax Option – Retail Marijuana Tax**

Councilor Wood noted that this ordinance is a tax option for retail, it does not change zoning or the ban

*Councilor George made a motion to continue Ordinance D-FY22-019 until the next scheduled meeting which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

#### **Order O-FY22-041: Transfer Order – Contractual Buyouts**

*Councilor Gallagher moved to recommend Order O-FY22-041 which was duly seconded by Councilor George.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

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## **Order O-FY22-042: Acceptance of Fire Safety Equipment Grant**

*Councilor Gallagher moved to recommend Order O-FY22-042 which was duly seconded by Councilor George.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Order O-FY22-043: Acceptance of Grant COA - MCOA**

*Councilor George moved to recommend Order O-FY22-043 which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.*

**Discussion:** Councilor Wood asked how this grant would be used. Town Manager Dutton noted that this is to pay a small stipend for an intern for a short-term project to rebrand the Council on Aging.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Order O-FY22-045: Acceptance of Grant COA - BPD**

*Councilor Gallagher motioned to recommend Order O-FY22-045 which was duly seconded by Councilor George.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Order O-FY22-047: Loan Order – Fire Stations**

Council President Rushton noted that he was there to support the Loan Order and answer any questions that the Budget & Finance Committee may have.

*Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-047 which was duly seconded by Councilor George for discussion.*

**Discussion:** Fire Chief MacDermott noted that the current station was built in 1850 and there has been a need for a new one for years. He added that the current engines are heavier and larger and the concrete is splitting.

Councilor Gallagher asked if the University has been involved because if approved there will be no station in the downtown area. Chief MacDermott noted that they looked at several options but this location was the best for all of the town.

Councilor George asked what the big items were for the \$2M for Station 2. Chief MacDermott noted that it is for setting up with a car port, HVAC roofing, doors and the back of the station is dirt.

Town Manager Dutton noted that the amount is based on estimates and the cost could be lower when it is time to build.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

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## **Order O-FY22-048: Acceptance of Grant COA**

*Councilor George motioned to recommend Order O-FY22-048 which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Order O-FY22-049: Transfer Order Non-Union**

*Councilor Gallagher motioned to recommend Order O-FY22-049 which was duly seconded by Councilor George.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0.

A discussion was had on when to schedule the next Budget & Finance Committee Meeting. It was decided that the next meeting would be on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

## **E. Adjourn**

*Councilor George motioned to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.*

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Debra Ward