

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 26, 2017

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Jon Landry
Peter M. Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo
Amy Suffredini
Meredith A. Trimble
John Vibert

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the Town Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment

Patty Gonzalez of 1457 Farmington Avenue told the Council she had been trying to resolve issues regarding her African American daughter amicably with the Board of Education but wasn't getting any satisfaction and that her daughter's civil rights were being violated by the High School. She wanted to avoid filing a lawsuit against the Board of Education. She believed her past history with the Board of Education was being held against her daughter. Her current issues were over the number of study halls her daughter had per day and segregation issues at the school. She asked if the Council could communicate with the Board of Education on her behalf.

Kurt Krauland of 37 Red Coat Lane asked what was the status of the Farmington High School project since it had been 3 months since the referendum and what was the status of the request of the Council to ask Justin Bernier to resign from the Building Committee. He was concerned about the misinformation that had been disseminated during the High School project referendum and the Republican Primary by the Responsible FHS and Responsible Farmington PACs. He believed senior citizens were especially susceptible to misinformation. He told the Council that many of the contributors to the PAC's had been retirees and people from outside of Town and that needed to be made public. He questioned the thousands of dollars reimbursed to Mr. Landry by the Responsible Farmington PAC.

Amanda Strauss of 37 Townsend Road was concerned about the purchasing of the street lights. She told the Council that the proposed lights were unhealthy for eyes and used primarily in high crime and traffic areas. She believed by placing them in Farmington the image projected would be that we had a crime situation in Town. She felt the historic beauty of Farmington was being lost due to decisions that were being

made such as the choice of lights for the bridge over the Farmington River and gateway area. She explained those lights were indicative of lower socioeconomic areas in London and not historically correct for colonial New England.

D. Consideration of Special Topics.

1. Presentation -Explore Farmington/Civic Lift

Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director; Anna Savastano, Executive Assistant; Kathryn Howard, Administrative Support Clerk and Evan Dobos, Civic Lift demonstrated for the Council and the public how the Explore Farmington.com website would work and answered Council questions. The purpose of the website was to engage Town residents and businesses by creating a communication channel to voice upcoming events and to highlight local businesses. It was expected the site would be live in the next two months.

2. Presentation- State Budget Update

The Manager reported that there was nothing new since the last update. She distributed the handout recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item D-2 regarding the State grant history for the past 5 years.

E. New Business

1. To approve a resolution concerning a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition and conversion of various streetlights throughout town

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the motion recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item E-1.

Adopted unanimously.

F. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to move to Executive Session for the discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate with the Town Council, Town Manager and Bill Wadsworth, Chair Land Acquisition Committee present at 8:05 p.m.

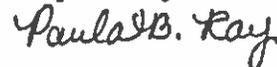
The Council returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

G. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council Members

FROM: Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager *KE*

RE: Total Revenue Exceeding Budget- Last 5 Years

DATE: September 26, 2017

Below please find a chart showing total actual revenue verses budget for the past five years along with an indication if the Town received more or less State grant revenue than budgeted. The Town budgets conservatively for State formula grants, so typically more money than budgeted is received. In more recent years, State municipal aid has been more volatile and the Town has received less than anticipated.

Please note that that while the revenue sources include State grants, it also includes property tax collection, charges and fees, licenses and permits, etc.

	Total Revenue Exceeding Budget	State Formula Grants (More/Less than Budgeted)
FY 2012/2013	\$814,253	MORE
FY 2013/2014	\$594,219	MORE
FY 2014/2015	\$500,300	MORE
FY 2015/2016	\$146,446	LESS
FY 2016/2017	\$402,282	LESS

5 YEAR AVERAGE	\$491,500
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MOTION:

Agenda Item E-1

To approve the attached resolution concerning a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition and conversion of various streetlights throughout town.

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF FARMINGTON OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO FINANCE
ACQUISITION OF STREETLIGHTS AND CONVERSION TO LEDS
(September 26, 2017)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington of the State of Connecticut (the "Town") contemplates entering into a lease-purchase financing agreement to finance the costs of acquisition of approximately 1,727 various streetlights and related appurtenances, and the conversion of the streetlights to LED lighting (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has taken the necessary steps, including any legal bidding requirements, under applicable law to arrange for the acquisition and completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that interest on such lease-purchase financing shall be exempt from Federal income taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that such a lease-purchase financing is in the best interests of Town; and

WHEREAS, amounts are available sufficient to pay payments due, if any, under the lease-purchase financing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and the lease-purchase financing agreement will contain a non-appropriation provision; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council has the powers, among others, (1) to provide for the due execution of contracts of the Town, (2) to lease real and personal property for the Town, and (3) to enter into contracts for any services and to purchase or contract to purchase any supplies, materials, equipment and other commodities required by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON:

1. That the Town undertake a lease-purchase financing with TD Equipment Finance, Inc., as lessor, in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and with an amortization period not to exceed seven (7) years, to finance the costs of the Project, the first payment on the lease-purchase financing to be made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and to be paid from budgeted funds. The Project may include acquisition and conversion costs, equipment, legal fees, capitalized net interest cost and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project and its financing.

2 That the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer of the Town are authorized to negotiate, approve, execute and deliver on behalf of the Town any lease-purchase financing agreement and any certificates or documents related to the acquisition or the financing and are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, prepayment terms, form and other details of the lease-purchase financing agreement; and to perform all other acts and execute all other documents which are necessary or appropriate to enter into the lease-purchase financing agreement, including without limitation any agreement with regards to the escrow of the proceeds of the lease-purchase financing agreement.

3. That the Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town, hereby declares the Town's official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the Project may be funded initially from available funds of the Town, and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such initial funding sources from the proceeds of the lease-purchase financing for the Project in an aggregate principal amount anticipated not to exceed \$1,000,000. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer of the Town are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the lease-purchase financing agreement authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

4. That the Town Council, the Town Manager, the Town Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Project and to enter into the lease-purchase financing agreement.
