

**City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle**  
**Budget Workshop Meeting: Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle**  
**Tuesday – June 21, 2010 – 6 p.m.**

**Present:**

Council President William Barthel  
Councilperson John Cochran  
Councilperson John Gaworski  
Councilperson Ted Megginson  
Councilperson Teel Petty

**Also present:** Mayor Klingmeyer, Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Finance Director Marian Delaney

Budget Workshop to discuss 2010-2011 Budget.

1. Consideration to enter into a contract for Catch Basin repairs throughout the City.

Councilperson Megginson said there are five catch basins in real need of repair. The City received prices from two contractors, DeAscanis for \$4,050 and Cirillo Bros., \$4,100. He said DeAscanis wants 50 percent before the work starts. Councilperson Megginson recommended going with Cirillo, if they can start the work before the end of the budget year.

Administrator Thomas said there is money in the current year's budget.

2. Budget Review.

Administrator Thomas said everyone has copies of the current draft of the budget with all the requests entered. Currently there is \$193,069 difference between the amount of expenses and how much is projected to raise in revenues. There is unexpended fund balance, projected to be \$831,807, that can be applied to the budget.

Administrator Thomas went through the expenditures line by line in the budget.

The Public Services budget reflects the new position for John Lloyd. There is \$48,000, from this year and next year, for new integrated software. The landfill fees are flat, even with the increase in rates. Currently there is no money budgeted for the deferred amount of the increase in landfill tipping fees.

President Barthel recommended taking a detailed look at cash flow as the payments on items such as the contribution to the Library and the stormwater projects are completed.

Administrator Thomas said the line item for \$12,000 under radios are for new radios for Public Services. There is a request for a full-time seasonal person to assist with landscaping/beautification. There is a \$15,000 item for wood carpet for playgrounds. The total requested currently for Public Services for Fiscal 2011 is \$1,051,320, compared with \$1,728,511 in the current budget.

Council still needs to determine the amount it wants in contingency.

In other matters, Administrator Thomas handed out an updated letter from the Bull Hill Boat Club Inc.

Mrs. Thomas went on a tour and walk of the church property with representatives of the church, two people from DNREC and a federal official, who made suggestions on ways to improve the application for the \$1 million federal grant. The City could commit to a small amount of money—perhaps \$2,000—which would improve its likelihood of getting a grant. The grant is a wetlands protection grant, which would restrict uses of the property.

At President Barthel's request, Administrator Thomas provided an update on the stormwater project ponds. One of the private property owners does not want to have their pond as part of the project. That money may be able to be used to reduce the City's costs.

Councilperson Cochran said the insurance company asked if the City wanted additional coverage related to terrorist attacks.

President Barthel said he believed the federal co-insures some portion. He said it sounds like something the City should have but Council needs to understand more about it.

President Barthel said Council should go home and consider the budget and prepare to use their scalpels on it.

A representative of the Senior Center provided an update on the organization's financial situation. It is inline for 10 percent to 20 percent cut in State funding. They found out that morning that funding from Christiana Care will not come through. Senior Center officials are still determining how to handle that shortfall.

Councilperson Megginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting to an executive session. Councilperson Gaworski seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson  
New Castle City Clerk