

RTM Public Works Committee Regular Meeting – May 14, 2018

The Regular Session of Public Works Committee was called to order at 7:35 pm by the Chair.

PWC Members Present: Monica McNally Mark Adiletta, Mike Wheeler, Scott Zimmerman, Richard Poli, David Bayne, Britton Costa, Frank Adelman, Derek Lublin, Casey Haverstick, Rich Aponte, Thomas Moore,

Absent: James Cameron

Guests: None

- Mark Adiletta (Chair PWC) opened the meeting and noted Public Works Director Mr. Gentile had addressed the PWC at the budget information session the previous month. He noted the budget items Mr. Gentile had presented for those who had missed that session. He noted the resolution was not considered or voted on then as it was not clear whether there was a quorum given the addition of a new member to the PWC the night before who had not yet been notified.
- Several line items were noted in the Operating Budget with the overall year-on-year change being basically flat. W/r/t the Capital Budget, a couple offices and hallway carpet items were noted. These are relatively small. Completion of the DPW Garage was still the primary capital item taking DPW department's attention and no big items were added for 2018/19. The roadway maintenance and ongoing pedestrian infrastructure maintenance as well as expansions tied to the recommendations of the PIAC delivered a few years ago were noted.
- From a macro perspective this operating budget reflects no material change on PTEs or FTEs, and is "flat" w/r/t change in operating expenses overall. Reductions related to 1) shift of Mechanic to Sewer and Parking funds, 2) electricity due adjustment related to LED light conversion 3) heating fuels (propane) and motor fuels, 4) tire cost due to change in type used and 5) lower cost of ice control materials were offset by increases in 1) repair and maintenance related to some older trucks in need of major repairs, and 2) street light maintenance associated w/ owning the LED street lights.
- Aside for the small Town Hall items noted the other items are the sidewalk rehabilitation and street paving line items which are the standard phasing of these on a 20-year life-expectancy cycle.
- It was noted that depending on how you measure it this is the second or third consecutive year the DPW has been able to deliver a virtually flat operating budget while the PWD continues to make meaningful and measurable improvements to the service provided to the Town at the same time implementing sustainable operating efficiencies.
- The composting grant and possible program was mentioned with a presentation suggested for a future date.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Adiletta, Acting clerk