

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 - 6:00 PM  
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**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Ping, and Mr. Wilson. Also present was Mayor Gillian and Frank Donato, CFO. Mr. McClellan arrived at 6:02 pm.

Council President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. He announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Wilson turned the meeting over to the administration. Mayor Gillian introduced Frank Donato, CFO to present the revenue side of the City's \$72.7 million budget. Mr. Donato provided a comparison of Revenues and Appropriations from the prior year and reported a 2014 local revenue budget of \$20,409,364. He reported the local purpose tax levy up \$1.2 million or 2.89% over 2013's levy; a local tax rate of 0.4018; reported on a healthy fund balance up \$1.4 million over last year and reported on the status of the Caps. Mr. Donato went through the anticipated revenue line items. Mr. Donato spoke about the loss of revenue in the Municipal Court and reported a large increase in Construction Code in 2013 specifically related to Super Storm Sandy.

Mr. Hartzell requested the administration to provide more specific revenue goals. Mayor Gillian indicated that he would provide further information on the goals. Mr. Hartzell asked for larger emphasis on noise and alcohol control in an effort to increase revenue in the courts.

Mr. Donato presented a 10 year history on fund balance; reporting a 2014 fund balance of \$5.8 million. He then spoke on how fund balance is replenished and spoke on the importance of maintaining a stable fund balance.

Mr. Donato reported a 2014 proposed local tax increase of 1.57 cents which means a \$78.50 increase on a \$500,000 home. He reviewed the ratable trends and tax revenues over a 13-year period, spoke on the ratable changes from 2013 to 2014 and spoke about tax appeals and the reductions based upon the City's 3-year compliance plan.

Mr. Donato then reviewed the impact on the 2013 budget related to Super Storm Sandy.


Mr. DeVlieger asked if the vendor supplying the parking meter credit card could supply any data and asked if credit card meters would be expanded. Mr. Donato said length of stay is one report available but will look into other information that could be provided

Mr. Guinosso requested a report on attendance at Music Pier concerts, golf course and a beach tag report and wanted to know the number of tie downs at airport.

Mr. Hartzell suggested reducing fund balance by \$2.5 million dollars to reduce the tax rate. A discussion ensued with the Mayor stating he will speak further with Mr. Donato and provide information at tomorrow night's budget meeting. Mr. Wilson suggested Mr. Hartzell speak with the City auditor.

Mr. Wilson asked about revenues related to beach buggy permits, airport revenues and Pop's concert revenues which Mr. Donato responded to.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Allegretto. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

  
Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk