

COMMON COUNCIL'S PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 BUDGET
November 14, 2011

The public hearing was called to order at 5:00 PM by Councilman-at-large Dolce.

Present: Councilmen Michalski, Muldowney, Councilwoman Szukala, Councilman-at-large Dolce.

Also Present: Mayor Richard Frey, Fiscal Affairs Officer Curtin, Treasurer Woods, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczo, CDBG Administrator Gornikiewicz.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by City Clerk Mleczo.

The public hearing was held for the purpose of giving interested persons an opportunity to comment on Mayor Frey's Proposed 2012 City Budget as follow:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Muscato, 280 Lake Shore Drive West, Dunkirk, NY spoke in regard to a waste water (Fund II) reserve account being created; stated appropriations for that account currently are 2.6 million, revenue from sale of the water is 2.6 million and asked where will the funds come from to create this reserve account. Mr. Muscato advised the new water lines in the First Ward will be installed in 2012 and will not create revenue until 2013, 2014, 2015, and reiterated where will this money be generated to create revenue for this reserve account.

Councilman-at-large Dolce replied a portion will come from contingencies.

Mr. Muscato asked how much contingency will come from the water account and how much is currently in the contingency account.

Councilman-at-large Dolce advised in regard to how much money will come from contingency, that figure has yet to be determined and in regard to how much is currently in contingency "we are going to wait until our last budget meeting and go from that number."

Fiscal Affairs Officer Curtin advised the contingency figure in Fund II is \$50,521.00.

Mr. Muscato stated based upon past practices, after year-end modifications, there normally is no money left in Fund II.

Fiscal Affairs Officer Curtin advised there is a capital line item underneath the contingency line item in the budget which has a balance of \$51,000.00, that amount could be used for the reserve account.

Mr. Muscato stated \$51,000.00 is included in the budget as it is presented right now and it is his understanding the city wants to adopt another reserve account.

Fiscal Affairs Officer Curtin advised Mr. Muscato this current account is the reserve account; therefore, another reserve account will not be created.

Councilwoman Szukala stated she thought a small portion would come from the Capital Projects in the event one or two payments were due.

Councilman-at-large Dolce advised this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 5:05PM

Tom Mleczko, City Clerk
