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**Budget Work session**
**Council Room Borough of Neptune City**
**May 11, 2020**

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The Virtual Work Session Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 6:00p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas and Mayor Wardell
ABSENT:

Mayor Wardell announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk.

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**NEW BUSINESS –**
Discussion of the 2020 proposed budget with Administrator Cherbini, Mayor Wardell and Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan and Thomas.

Mayor Wardell thanked everyone for their work with their committees putting together a very sound budget.

Administrator Cherbini thanked everyone involved, CFO Antonides, Councilmembers Thomas and Pappas. A/Cherbini explained that the money being raised by taxation this year for the municipal budget is identical to last years. We will see a four-cent reduction this year on the municipal end. We are able to fund all of our programs, continue operating under a sound budget and keep us moving forward with a sound budget like in the past. A/Cherbini explained that CFO Antonides is attending another meeting and will be late. He welcomed questions.

C/Kocsis had a few questions regarding Fire Prevention Bureau, the increase to Municipal vehicles, and deferred charges. A/Cherbini answered his questions.

C/Calhoun asked about us not increasing to our CAP is it available to us in future years? A/Cherbini explained how the process works with CAP Bank.

C/Renee asked if the anticipated revenues are down in certain areas. 1. Court- A/Cherbini explained that it is Covid 19 issue. 2. Local Revenues. A/Cherbini explained her question is regarding the summary of revenues.
C/Calhoun asked about license fees? Discrepancy in numbers, he asked if we lost a license, no we did not, A/Cherbini explained that the realized amount is different than anticipated.

CFO Antonides made it to the virtual meeting and made a general statement. He explained that the local tax amount to be raised by taxation will stay the same. The amount to be raised is $5,449,572.26.

The tax rate in 2019 was 89.07 and 2020 will 85.07 it is a decrease 4.07%. The same amount raised in 2017, 2018, 2019.

C/Kocsis asked various ordinance deferred charges. CFO explained we have funded these ordinances to clean them up. It refers to old ordinances

C/Calhoun asked where on our budget does it show the school budget. CFO Antonides explained the school does their own budget and until it is certified by the state, we do not have those amounts.

CFO explained that the budget we have is only for Neptune City, we will not have the numbers from the school, county or state until their budgets are certified. A/Cherbini discussed what was received so far from the school and they do have an increase. C/Calhoun asked if they were held to the 2% Cap as the Borough does. Discussion continued.

C/Calhoun asked about the Alliance grant not showing. CFO explained that the budget is amended when grants are awarded. A/Cherbini explained we are receiving these grants; they just have been funded as of yet. Discussion on grants continued. C/Calhoun asked about LOSAP, A/Cherbini explained what it is. C/Calhoun asked about sewer revenue. CFO explained sewer is a separate utility.

C/Kocsis asked about the $400,000 difference between the two years in sewer utility. CFO explained:

1. Unfunded charge for 103,000

2. A lot of revenue came in because previously quite a few commercial properties were not being billed their sewer utility on a timely basis and was caught up. And we funded our accumulated sick leave and funded refunded a deferred charge.

Calhoun noted that the past years that there were funds all over the place in the trust fund, CFO Antonides explained most of it is resolved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**
**NONE**

Motion to Adjourn offered by C/Renee. Seconded by C/Calhoun.
Voice Vote: Aye Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Andrew Wardell

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk