

Allentown

Minutes - Final

## **Budget and Finance Committee**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020	6:15 PM	Council Chambers

## Roll Call: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

R30

<u>15-3475</u>

Transfer for Negative Balances and Debt Refinancing

\$591,631.94 in the Public Safety/Police – Negative Balance Transfer Re-allocation funds from Accounts #000-04-0802-0001-05 (Education Pay), 000-04-0802-0001-07(Extra Duty Pay), 000-04-0802-0001-08 (Longevity), 000-04-0802-0001-09 Uniform Allowance), 000-04-0802-0001-11 (Shift Differential), 000-04-0802-0001-08 (Longevity), 000-04-0802-0001-09 (Uniform Allowance), 000-04-0802-0001-26 (Printing), 000-04-0802-0001-28 (Mileage Reimbursement), 000-04-0802-0001-32 (Publications & Membership), 000-04-0802-0001-34 (Training), 000-04-0802-0001-42 (Repairs & Maintenance), 000-04-0802-0001-46 (Other Contract Services), 000-04-0802-0001-56 (Uniforms), 000-04-0802-0001-68 (Operating Materials & Supp), 000-04-0802-0001-72 (Equipment), 000-04-0802-0004-03 (Holiday Pay), 000-04-0802-0004-05 (Education Pay), 000-04-0802-0004-46 (Other Contract Services), 000-04-0802-0004-56 (Uniforms), and 000-04-0802-0004-62 (Fuels, Oils & Lubricants) to Account 000-04-0802-0001-03 (Holiday Pay), and 000-04-0802-0001-03 (Premium Pay).

\$537,586.68 in Budget and Administration – Department of Finance – Transfer is required, due to the initial transfer Ordinance #15547, June 5, 2019, stated the 2019 refinancing of debt saved the City some monies. This savings allowed the City to make the third loan payment to the Solid Waste Fund from the Interfund Transfer Account in General and Civic as was outlined in the ordinance. However, the savings was from the refinancing of the Pension Obligation Bond. This reduced our pension cost for 2019, hence the savings was in the Pension Account of ALL funds, departments and programs from Accounts #000-01-0101-0000-14, #000-01-0201-0000-14, #000-01-0301-0000-14, #000-01-0501-0000-14, #000-01-0602-0005-14, #000-01-0602-0003-14, #000-01-0602-0004-14, #000-01-0701-0002-14, #000-01-0602-0006-14, #000-01-0701-0000-14, #000-01-0701-0002-14, #000-03-0702-0000-14, #000-03-0707-0000-14, #000-03-0716-0000-14, #000-03-0807-0000-14, #000-03-0808-0002-14, #000-04-0802-0000-14, #000-04-0802-0004-14, #000-05-0605-0003-14, #000-05-0803-0002-14, #000-06-0603-0000-14, #000-07-0604-0000-14, #000-08-0709-0000-14, #000-08-0905-0002-14, #000-09-0901-0000-14, #000-09-0901-0002-14, #000-09-0901-0004-14, #000-09-0902-0000-14, #000-09-0901-0006-14, #000-09-0901-0007-14, #000-09-0902-0000-14, #000-09-0902-0003-14, #000-09-0902-0004-14, 000-09-0903-0000-14, 000-09-0903-0005-14, 000-09-0903-0006-14, 000-09-0908-0000-14, 000-09-0908-0002-14, 000-09-0908-0003-14, #000-09-0908-0000-14, 000-09-0908-0005-14, 000-09-0908-0003-14, #000-09-0908-0004-14, 000-09-0908-0005-14, 000-09-0908-0006-14, 000-09-0908-0007-14, 000-09-0908-0005-14, 000-09-0908-0011-14, 000-09-0908-0012-14, 000-09-0908-0017-14, 000-09-0908-0018-14, 000-09-0908-0012-14, to Account #000-01-0609-0001-88 (General & Civic Interfund Transfer).

## Attachments: R30 Approval of a Transfer

Due To The Initial Transfer Ordinance #15547 to Refinance Debt Negative Balance Transfer Reallocation of Funds - Public Safety Police Resolution #29958

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that the first one is for a Transfer to correct negative balances and holiday and premium pay resulting in various promotional and retiree payouts, city and event overtime, holiday overtime, and reimbursable overtime.

Ms. Barbara Wagenhurst stated that the second Transfer is for he Debt Fund and that is correcting what they had done in Ordinance #15547. In 2019, they budgeted \$8,096,621 to transfer for the Debt Fund. Because they did a refinancing, that full amount was not needed allowing the city to make payments to the Solid Waste Fund. The savings in the Debt Fund was realized due to a Pension Obligation Fund. They should have been coming from Pension Obligation Bond that was refinanced. The funds should not have been transferred from where they were in the Ordinance. They should have been coming from numerous Account 14 which is Pension. When they got to the end of the year and saw the negative interfund transfers and more than usual remaining in pensions they realize the error that occurred. This transfer is now correcting that error, correcting the negative balance in Interfund Transfers by taking it from the Pension Account, Account 14 and putting it into Interfund Transfers where they should have originally come from.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they talked about it earlier today and it is exactly what they are stating. It is to balance the books.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is a lot of information and he has never seen anything like this. There was a system where we signed the Transfer when they came up. This is convoluted. We are shifting from one account into another. There are so many of them.

Ms. Barbara Wagenhurst asked what transfer are you referring to the Debt Fund or the Police Transfer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated both of them. The Police one and Public Safety and the Department of Finance Transfer.

Ms. Barbara Wagenhurst stated that the fact that they are now under one Resolution and you are not used to seeing. The separate Transfer forms are what we have done for many years when we get to the end of the year and correct negative balance. It is still correcting 2019 accounts.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mr. Glazier if he is able to see all the Transfers and verify them.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he looked at them and they are correcting the negative balances in 2019. In the future you will see the rollovers from 2019 to 2020.

Ms. Barbara Wagenhurst stated that will be introduced at the April 1st meeting.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that this is just to clean up the book for 2019. He stated that he looked at them and questioned where he felt appropriate.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that he feels more comfortable. it is too much at the same time.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is just for 2019 to balance the budget.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked does this affect the end of the year balances for any of these accounts from last year.

Ms.Barbara Wagenhurst stated that it does not affect the end balance of the fund.f It is moving from available balances and correcting a negative. It will not affect and not additional expenditures. It is just correcting a negative. The Fund Balance will remain the same.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if the city would not have additional monies that it was counting on then. It is correcting something that was removed that should not have been from certain accounts.

Ms. Barbara Wagenhurst state that it is just correcting the negative.

A motion was made by Julio Guridy, seconded by Joshua Siegel, that this Resolution be forwarded favorably to the full Council. The motion carried by the

## following vote:

Yes: 3 - Joshua Siegel, Julio Guridy and Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 29958

Adjourned: 6:21 PM