

Special Meeting November 13, 2001

A special meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2001 in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 25 Court Street, Cortland, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tytler  
Council Members Abdulla, Hansen, Hennessy, Hyde, Strangeway, and Tobin  
City Clerk, William J. Wood  
Director of Admin. & Finance, Andrew J. Damiano

EXCUSED: Council Member Lissberger and Smith  
Deputy City Clerk, Jodi M. McLyman  
Corporation Counsel, James J. Baranello

Item No. 1 - Consideration of a Resolution accepting the Mayor's Tentative 2002 General Fund Budget and approving it as the Proposed 2002 City Budget. (Final adoption of the budget still subject to the review of the Common Council and Public Hearing).

Council Member Strangeway states last year she voted no on the budget but it went through anyway according to the Charter. If the Council votes no to this Proposed 2002 City Budget, what happens?

Director Damiano states that it is still subject to review by the Common Council and public hearing. Council Member Strangeway asks because it automatically went into effect last year even without the Council's approval. Council Member Hennessy explains that if you cant come up with an alternative then there is a budget that goes into effect. Council Member Abdulla feels this was also his argument last time. He did not like this process, but this is basically to put it on the table for discussion.

The Mayor states last year we had a budget and couldn't come up with something better so it passed by default. The Mayor also states that if this proposed budget is adopted, we have reduced our dependency on funding our budget through the surplus by 33%. We are fiscally sound and in good shape. Inflation is running about 2.8 this year and this comes out to about 2.9. The property taxes are up because we are taking less from the reserve and financing it through the property.

On the motion of Council Member Hennessy, seconded by Council Member Hansen, voted and carried, Council Member Strangeway voting No.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S TENTATIVE 2002 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROVING IT AS THE PROPOSED 2002 CITY BUDGET.**

On the motion of Council Member Hennessy, seconded by Council Member Abdulla, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM.**

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**I hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were presented to the Mayor in the time required and were approved by him.**