

Selectmen's Meeting
December 7, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room for Department Budget Presentations. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz and Mr. Burnell; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk, were present.

FY 2009 Budget Presentations

Planning

Ms. McCall-Taylor presented the Planning FY2009 Budget Requests. Level Services Requests: Planning \$217,258.

Program Improvement Requests: Housing Specialist (Part-time) \$19,500. The Housing Specialist would help by making sure housing issues are done right and more efficiently and could coordinate all the housing groups (LexHab and Housing Partnership Board).

Department Goals include: Parking by-law revision, Transportation By-law draft, replacing the current Traffic By-law and update of the Development Regulations.

Fire/EMS

Chief Middlemiss presented the FY2009 Fire/EMS Budget Requests. Level Service Requests: Fire Administration \$258,881; Fire Prevention \$167,334; Fire Suppression \$4,155,656; Emergency Medical Services \$155,152; Emergency Management \$10,000. Total Level Service Budget: \$4,747,023.

Program Improvement Requests: 4 Fire Lieutenants (promotions) \$17,281; 4 Firefighters \$266,357. Total Program Improvements \$282,538.

Capital Improvement Projects: replacement of Rescue 2 \$200,000 in FY2009; Fire HQ Renovations & Redesign \$40,000 in FY2009; Munroe Fire Prevention System Replacement \$ TBD; replacement of Engine 3 \$400,000 in FY2010.

Department Goals include: complete an intermediate Training Program for nine department members and operate East Lexington Engine as an ALS engine.

The Emergency Management line item is new this year and is for the cost of phone lines and software for the Reverse 911, which is expected to start rolling out in a few weeks.

The hiring of 4 firefighters would allow for a 14-person crew and also the 2nd ambulance could operate at all times.

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Law Enforcement

Chief Casey presented the FY2009 Law Enforcement Budget. Level Service Requests: Police Administration \$1,061,054; Patrol & Enforcement \$2,573,122; Parking Operations \$68,428; Investigations \$560,081; Dispatch \$527,722; Animal Control \$23,455; Crossing Guards \$134,740. Total Level Service Budget: \$4,948,602.

Program Improvement Requests: Telephone \$4,000; Supervisor Coverage overtime \$169,475; Traffic Safety Officer \$47,575; Expanded Desk Officer Coverage \$15,984; Police Training \$26,600; Animal Control Officer \$37,213. Total Program Improvement Request: \$297,482.

Capital Improvement Projects: mobile computerization (police & Fire/EMS) \$156,000 in FY2009; Renovation – Add-on to Police Station \$100,000 in FY2010; Software (Police & Fire/EMS) \$295,000 in FY2012.

Department Goals for 12-18 months include: complete punch list for dispatch center renovations; implement community emergency notification system; absorb crossing guard program transferred from school department; and continue vehicle fuel efficiency tests.

The police are currently testing different police vehicle package options (Dodge Charger and Chevrolet Impala) because the Crown Victoria's will no longer be an option.

Captain Corr provided the Selectmen with a Capital Expenditure proposal for renovation of the Lexington Police Station. The project would add an addition to the existing station on the former School Administration Building side and wrap around where the existing garage facility is located. It would be a three-floor construction to match existing structure and would include an elevator, which the current building does not have.

Board of Selectmen

Ms. Pease presented the FY2009 Board of Selectmen Budget Requests. Level Service Requests: Selectmen's Office \$154,124; Legal \$350,000; Town Report \$7,000. Total Level Service Budget: \$511,124.

The \$8,500 increase in the Selectmen's budget reflects an increase in the total cost of the audit of \$2,500 and \$6,000 attributable to the preliminary indication that the Lexington Retirement Board will not continue to support costs of the annual audit. Mr. Addelson has had discussions with the Auditor about the value of the audit to the Retirement Board and he will discuss those values at the next Retirement Board meeting.

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Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to go into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk