

SPECIAL BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Call to Order: At 04:06 P.M. by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Board Members Present: Comptroller Darren Morton, City Council President Derrick Thompson and Chairwoman, Mayor Shawyn Patterson- Howard

Others: City Clerk William H. Holmes, Deputy City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters, Corporation Counsel Brian Johnson

Absent: None

Meeting notice was read by Clerk Holmes.

Roll Call administered by Clerk Holmes

Agenda items read by Chairwoman, Mayor Shawyn Patterson Howard

- To present the 2022 Proposed Annual Estimate
- Setting the Date for a Public Hearing

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard discussed some of the budget assumptions. He stressed the financial strain the city has experienced. She said that the City has worked hard since August of 2021 to prepare the budget on time, but the budget was not presented until after new year allowing time for the new controller to settle in. She said she wanted the give the comptroller time in office verify fund balance and clarify any use of the ARPA funds. She then explained some of the increase and advised that the information will also be available online. Chairwoman Patterson-Howard then proceeded to summarize and narrate the budget allocations. She advised that a report from the NY State comptroller sited issues with the City not budgeting for collective bargaining. The staff have worked without union contracts since 2018. The litigation budget was increased to address the costly litigation that the City have been dealing with from the previous administration. There is an increase in Police overtime to reflect the true cost that have incurred in the police department. Some budget reductions: outside sanitary sewer contracts, retired disabled firefighters. In conclusion, she asked the body to set a date for permission for a public hearing on the budget. Motion was granted and seconded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Tanesia M. Walters, J.D., M.P.A.
Deputy City Clerk**