

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

A special meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at the St. Croix #1 Firehouse, 9 Church Street at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore presiding over Councilors Parks, Howard, Bernardini, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve a new School Budget Figure to be later validated by the voters at a referendum election.

The City Manager was previously charged with meeting with her department heads to discuss their CIP Budgets, in order to give the City Council an idea of what would happen if these funds were redistributed to the School Department.

Each Department Head reviewed their budget with the Council.

Following this discussion, it was moved by Councilor Bernardini and seconded by Councilor Dwelley, to approve a school budget of \$8,379,834.63. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Bernardini, Dwelley, and Mayor Moore. Councilors Nixon, Mingo, Howard and Parks were opposed. Motion failed.

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon to deduct \$66,000 from various CIP Budgets to be redistributed to the School Department Budget. This motion was seconded by Councilor Howard, and then Councilor Howard rescinded his second following a brief discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.

It was then moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Howard to redistribute from various CIP accounts a total of \$131,000 to the School Department Budget. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Mingo, Howard and Nixon. Councilors Parks, Bernardini, Dwelley, and Mayor Moore were opposed. Motion failed.

Following more discussion, it was moved by Councilor Bernardini and seconded by Councilor Dwelley to approve a School Budget in the amount of \$8,429,834.63 by redistributing \$20,000 from the

Attendance

School Budget

Fire Dept CIP that was set aside for a 4 bay garage, \$20,000 from the North Street Building CIP that was set aside for a building addition, and \$10,000 from the Capital Equipment Reserve totaling \$50,000 from CIP to the School Department Budget. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Bernardini, Dwelley, Parks and Mayor Moore. Councilors Howard, Mingo, and Nixon were opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Bernardini and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to schedule the School Budget Validation Referendum Election on Tuesday, September 24th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Calais City Building

and to hold an exit poll in order to try to make a determination of why people may be voting down this proposal.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Bernardini, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Schedule School Budget
Validation Referendum

Adjourn

