

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

The following are minutes of the June 1, 2010 Special Council Meeting.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – On Tuesday, June 1, 2010 a Special Council Meeting was held, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium.

- I. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** - Mayor Roland Michaud conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: Margaret Mills, Leslie Smith, Jr., Marie Doucette, Jeffrey Christenbury, Arthur Tardif, and Marston Lovell. Councilor Eric Cote was excused this evening. Also in attendance, this evening, were Acting City Administrator Peter Morelli and Lucette S. Pellerin, City Clerk.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- III. **GENERAL:**

- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were not presented, for approval, this evening.

- V. **AGENDA:**

A. FY2011 Regional School Unit 23 Budget

The Board of Directors of the Regional School Unit (RSU) #23 presented the FY2011 budget to the public on May 24, 2010. The Board is charged by the state to present a budget that incorporates necessary expenses and meets the stated goal of providing a quality education to each student in a fiscally responsible manner.

The RSU 23 FY2011 budget presented to the public on Monday May 24, 2010 is an operational budget only. The total RSU23 budget of \$42, 472,785 was passed on May 24, 2010. The budget includes Saco's appropriated amount of \$14,635,590 and an additional \$1,915,768 (Saco's portion of exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services formula). The total appropriation for Saco has been reduced by \$400,000 Balance Forward, to reduce the appropriation to \$16,151,357.95.

Councilor Lovell moved, to Resolve, that the RSU Budget, as it stands, should be defeated, based on the apparent mathematical errors in this budget, and previous budgets, and their lack of imagination to reduce their budget to .0% resulting in another .002 increase. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

Mayor Michaud called for a recess at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Councilor Lovell moved, Councilor Smith seconded, that the Saco City Council does not support the FY2011 Regional School Unit 23 Budget to be voted on June 8, 2010; a budget that will place an additional burden on the citizens of Saco with a mill rate increase. The Council encourages voters to vote NO on school budget adoption June 8, 2010 to send a message to the RSU 23 Board of Directors to revise the budget. It further urges the directors of RSU23 to use the tools at their disposal to realign staffing and student – teacher ratios in a more equitable and efficient manner. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

Councilor Lovell moved, Councilor Mills seconded, that the Council resolves to encourage voters to vote NO on the Municipal Question 1 which would discontinue annual votes by the public on RSU 23 budget. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Christenbury seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed with six (6) yeas. TIME: 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Lucette S. Pellerin, City Clerk