

**Minutes
Fire Department Subcommittee
February 4, 2021**

Meeting called to order at by Chair Doug Butler at 4:05 PM

Committee Members Present: Doug Butler, Aimee Forsythe, Even Kenney, Dennis Hogan, Chief Michael Sullivan, Deputy Chief Thomas Purcell

Others Present: None

- **Public Participation – None**

- **FY 2022 Proposed Budget Discussion**

The Committee primarily reviewed the proposed FY2022 budget with a comparison by categories vs. 2021 budget, % increase/decrease. The Chief indicated that he level funded the budget with the exception of the contractually negotiated increases from FY 2021

There was significant discussion of the overtime expense in FY 2021, which was much higher than budgeted due to the impact of Covid, both in terms of the 4 individuals who contracted the disease but also in the quarantine impact. There was additional discussion of the impact of the safer grant and how once the additional firefighters are hired and out of the academy, there should be a decline in overtime used for minimum manning standards. The best case scenario for full staff realization is the end of 2022.

There was additional discussion of both materials and contractual services spending that looked much lower in the first half of FY 2021. The Chief indicated that these expenses will likely end up in line with the projections as spending on Automotive maintenance and uniforms are back loaded into the back half of the fiscal year.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at **4:43 PM** by Even Kenney, seconded by Aimee Forsythe, so voted unanimously.