

INFORMATIONAL SESSION of the Town Council held Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Burrillville High School Media Center, 425 East Avenue, Harrisville, RI, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The purpose of the informational session is consideration and discussion relative to a proposed Senior Center, scheduled for referendum at a special election to be held September 15, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Nancy F. Binns, who introduced Shirley Hodson and Raymond Menard of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee. Mr. Menard described the work conducted by the Committee, described senior centers and programs in other communities.

Mr. Menard discussed the site in Oakland proposed by the Committee. There was general discussion of the proposed site, project details, and financial implications, including:

- parking conditions**
- site selection**

- **impact of police department construction (present/future)**
- **conformance with comprehensive plan**
- **role of the planning board**
- **compliance with code requirements**
- **design and construction procedures**
- **alternative locations**
- **projected costs/affordability/budgeting**
- **zoning provisions**
- **utilizing existing town buildings for senior programs**
- **financial impact/state law tax cap requirement**
- **needs analysis**
- **current economy**
- **estimated construction/operating budget**
- **municipal budget implications**
- **potential tax increase**
- **reason for/cost of special election**
- **taxpayers right/responsibility to decide**
- **tax comparison by community**
- **funding options, including possible grants**
- **impending expenses that will impact operating budgets**
- **building use: community center v. senior center**

Council President Nancy F. Binns thanked participants for attending and encouraged residents to vote on September 15, 2009.

VOTED to adjourn at 9:08 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heike, John M. Karmozyn, Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk