

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on March 5, 2018. Present were Mark Tourgee, Linda Rekas Sloan, Robert Andrews, Thomas Mulcahey and Mark Boyer. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Tax Assessor/Collector Charlene Randall.

A. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.

Council President Tourgee called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

B. AGENDA:

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to dispense of the reading of the previous meeting minutes. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to go into Executive Session pursuant RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 6 relating to a prospective business locating in the Town where an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the public interest at 7:14 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey -aye

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION -PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 6 POTENTIAL DISCUSSION AND VOTE RELATED TO A PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS LOCATING IN THE TOWN WHERE AN OPEN MEETING WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 7:38 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey -aye

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to authorize the Town Administrator to continue to negotiate with Project Frontier within the parameters of the memo dated February 27, 2018 from Town Administrator Breene to Deloitte/Project Frontier. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey -aye

2. WORK SESSION ON FY 2018/2019 BUDGET

Treasurer Andrews arrived at 7:40 P.M.

Town Administrator Breene reviewed the requested budget allocations. He further explained Public Works, Library, Chief of Police and fire companies should be present at the next budget workshop to explain their requests.

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Town Administrator Breene advised the fire companies requested adding four more men to provide full time service.

Council President Tourgee stated with the school going up a million dollars that would be difficult to fund.

Discussion ensued on the fire departments.

Discussion ensued on the school budget.

Town Administrator Breene reviewed the General Government non allocable line items.

Town Administrator Breene stated currently 3% increases are included for General Government, Fire and Police employees. He also suggested Town Clerk Liese receive an additional \$2,000; for she is the lowest paid Department Head and has been with the town for quite some time.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan agreed with Liese's increase.

Discussion ensued on the floating clerk positions.

The Board of Canvassers line item was reviewed.

Town Administrator Breene explained the budget increase reflected the upcoming elections.

Town Clerk Liese explained early voting and the potential effect on future budgets.

Discussion ensued on the school budget.

The Police Department budget was reviewed.

Town Administrator Breene explained the request of the fire departments and requested the Fire Companies attend the next budget workshop to discuss their request.

Council President Tourgee discussed concern with coming up with the funds for the increase from the school.

Town Administrator Breene stated you have not raised taxes in 4 years. This year there are difficulties with the proposed school budget.

Councilman Mulcahey expressed concern with reserve.

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Town Administrator Breene suggested obtaining funding from RI Infrastructure Bank for road repair; instead of taking it out of surplus.

The sewer assessment was reviewed.

The Land Trust budget was reviewed.

Discussion ensued on real estate conveyance.

Sports groups requested budgets were reviewed.

Town Administrator Breene discussed the request of Human Service Director Gartelman to have Medicare paid as a benefit in lieu of a raise.

Council President Tourgee stated concern with providing that to Human Service Director Gartelman.

The meal and beverage tax revenue was reviewed.

The date of the next budget workshop was noted to be March 21st.

Discussion ensued on time and it was suggested to start the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to adjourn at 9:01 P.M.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey -aye

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
TOWN CLERK