

Thursday, March 26, 2015

At a special meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in the second floor conference room at City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Six (6) members are present. Councilman Jalette was absent.

Upon motion by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted at 7:02 P.M. to go into executive session under the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a) (2) to discuss potential litigation, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of President Brien seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted to disclose that a vote was taken in executive session, however the topic of the vote should not be disclosed because the disclosure would be inconsistent under the provision of 42-46-5 (a) (2) because of pending litigation, a voice vote on same being 5-0.

Upon motion by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted at 7:50 P.M. to return to public session, a voice vote on same being 5-0.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted to seal the minutes of the immediately

preceding executive session under Rhode Island General Law §42-46-7 (c), a voice vote on same being 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Moreau seconded by President Brien to allow public comment, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following addressed the council: Kim McElholm, Lisa Desplaines, Joe Tosches, Mary Varr & Ann Ward.

A motion was made by Councilman Gendron to direct the Solicitor to negotiate a ten-year pilot, however, the motion died for the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilman Beauchamp to approve a 30% tax assessment with an escalator in conjunction with Woonsocket Budget Commission implementation of 2.74%; however, before it was voted on Councilman Moreau withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Mancieri to approve a 30% tax assessment for one year only (FY15) with any overages to be rolled over and requiring City Council approval for each entity, however, the motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilman Gendron seconded by

Councilman Beauchamp to amend Councilman Moreau's motion to approve a 40% tax assessment with no escalator, however, before it was voted upon

A motion was made by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp to amend his previous amendment to approve a two-year PILOT with a 35% tax assessment for the first year, a 35% tax assessment in the second year with proposed Woonsocket Budget Commission escalator (2.74%) retro to July, 2014 and requires City Council approval for each entity, a roll call on same being 5-1 with President Brien voting no.

Upon motion by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk