

## **March 1, 2010 - Regular Town Council Meeting**

**At a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding**

**Vice Chairman Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Frank A. Bozyan**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Absent**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, February 16, 2010.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve said minutes.**

### **2. Memorandum of Town Clerk, Town of Burrillville, re: Requesting support of Resolution regarding withholding of Excise Tax.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.**

### **3. Resolution of City of Woonsocket, re: Resolution supporting House Bills 7011, 7075, 7087, 7123, 7135, 7153 and 7158 and Senate Bills 2012 and 2033.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said resolution.**

**4. Resolution of City of Providence, re: Resolution urging the RI General Assembly to approve legislation establishing a “Blue Alert” program in the State of Rhode Island.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said resolution.**

**5. Email communication of Town Clerk, Town of Bristol, re: Letter to Mr. Ted Gehrig, Weavers Cove Energy, LLC.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said email communication.**

**6. Resolution of the Council, re: Proclaiming April 2010 as Fair Housing Month in the Town.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass said resolution.**

**7. Communication of Tax Collector, with enclosures, re: Cancellation of taxes for certain Middletown taxpayers.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**8. Resolution of the Council, re: Cancellation of taxes for certain Middletown taxpayers.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass said resolution.**

**9. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Speed Ordinance – Fenner Avenue.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.**

**10. Memorandum of Town Administrator, with enclosures, re: Proposed Amendment to Agreement for Joint Negotiation and Purchase of Health Coverage – Revision to the GHGRI Equity Allocation Policy.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said memorandum.**

**11. Applications received from the following named persons, firms and corporations for RENEWAL of Holiday Licenses for the 2010-2011 licensing year. (See Attached List)**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said license renewals.**

**12. Applications received from the following named persons, firms and corporations for RENEWAL of Sunday Licenses for the 2010-2011 licensing year. (See Attached List)**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said license renewals.**

**13. Applications received from the following named persons, firms**

**and corporations for RENEWAL of Drain Layers Licenses for the 2010-2011 licensing year. (See Attached List)**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said license renewals.**

**14. Minutes, re: Pension Investment Advisory Committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said minutes.**

## **TOWN COUNCIL**

**1. Applications three (3) for Special Events Permits received from the Norman Bird Sanctuary 1) Annual 5K on Saturday, June 19, 2010, beginning at 9:00 AM 2) Annual Bird Ball Gala, Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM 3) 36th Annual Harvest Fair,**

**Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday October 3rd, 2010 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM both days.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said special event permits and waive said permit fees.**

**2. Application for Special Events Permit from the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Team Phil's Phans, St. Patty's Day Plunge, Second Beach on Sunday, March 14, 2010, beginning at 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. (See attached letter requesting permit fee to be waived).**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said special event permit and waive said permit fee.**

**3. Application for Special Events Permit from St. George's School, Camp Ramleh Benefit, 372 Purgatory Road on Saturday, June 13,**

**2010 beginning at 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon. (See attached letter requesting permit fee to be waived).**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said special event permit and waive said permit fee.**

**4. Application for Special Events Permit from Pan-Massachusetts Challenge Kids Rides, Middletown Kids PMC Ride, all the routes of Second Beach/Third Beach, Indian Avenue and Green End Avenue on Sunday, May 23, 2010 beginning at 5:00 AM until 1:00 PM. (See attached letter requesting permit fee to be waived).**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said special event permit and waive said permit fee.**

**5. Application of PD Humphrey Co., Inc. dba Humphrey's Window**

**and Door Design Gallery, 8 Coddington Highway for a Holiday License for the 2010-2011 licensing year. (NEW)**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said license.**

**6. An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the Town Code of the Town of Middletown, Title XIII, General Offenses, Chapter 130, Section 130.01 Possession, Consumption By Minors Prohibited, Section 130.01(A) Unlawful Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages By Underage Persons and Section 130.01(B) Social Host Offenses.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adopt said ordinance on its second reading.**

**Carmella Geer, Chair of the Middletown Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Task Force, thanked the Council on behalf of the committee for passing the Social Host Ordinance.**

**Bruce J. Long, 1 Winfield Court, thanked the Council for passing the Social Host Ordinance noting that the goal is to control the accessibility of alcohol to our youth.**

**7. Representative John G. Edwards, IV, re: Discussion of 2010-H7449 Relating to Highways – Construction and Maintenance of State Roads.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to allow discussion of 2010-H7449 Relating to Highways – Construction and Maintenance of State Roads.**

**State Representative John G. Edwards IV, addressed the Council concerning H7449 – Relating to Highways – Construction and Maintenance of State Roads, explaining that the passage of this bill**

**keeps the Sakonnet River Bridge under RIDOT. RIDOT does not have the ability to place tolls on bridges. A toll will hurt residents, businesses and tourism on Aquidneck Island. Mr. Edwards requests the Council to prepare a resolution in support of H7449.**

**Councillor Santos questioned the bridge weight limit and where the funds collected from fines were placed.**

**Representative Edwards, responding to Councillor Santos, noted that the fines were collected by the RI State Police and he is unsure where the monies were distributed, however will check into the issue and report back.**

**Vice Chairman Cambra expressed concern that rerouting traffic/trucks, because of the weight limit on the bridge, is hurting the community.**

**Councillor Bozyan noted that Middletown businesses are paying**

**highly because of the weight limit on the bridge.**

**Councillor VonVillas expressed concern that there would be an increase of traffic on the Mt. Hope Bridge to avoid the Sakonnet River Bridge.**

**Manny Mello, 31 Beacon Terrace North, spoke in opposition of tolls being place on the Sakonnet River Bridge.**

**It was the consensus of the Council that the administration prepares a resolution in support of H7449 for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Council, March 15, 2010.**

**8. Resolution of the Council, re: Affirming the Official Notice Printed in the Federal Register on February 8, 2010, Formally Surplusing Navy Properties and Allowing the Communities of Aquidneck Island to move forward with the redevelopment process.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass said resolution.**

**9. Communication of Cheryl G. Robinson, President, Turning Around Ministries, Inc., re: Request for support by placing an ad in the Souvenir Booklet for making a contribution to TAM.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication and approve a full-page ad (cost \$100.) in the Souvenir Booklet to be appropriated from the Council President's discretionary fund.**

**10. Newport Lions Club, Soap Box Derby Advertising, re: Support by placing an ad in the Newport Daily News Soap Box Derby Insert.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted**

**unanimously to receive said communication and approve a half page vertical ad (cost \$200.) in the Newport Daily News Soap Box Derby Insert to be appropriated from the Council President's discretionary fund.**

## **PUBLIC FORUM SESSION**

**Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the Council, Citizens may address the town on one (1) subject only, said subject of substantive Town business, neither discussed during the regular meeting nor related to personnel or job performance. Citizens may speak for no longer than five (5) minutes and must submit a public participation form to the Council Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.**

**No one addressed the Council during session.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to provisions of RIGL, Sections 42-46-2.,42-46-4., and 42-46-5. (a) (5) land acquisition. (Wave Avenue)**

**Executive Session was cancelled.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:25 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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