

NINETEENTH RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SINCE THE ADOPTION OF
THE CHARTER - WEDNESDAY EVENING - DECEMBER 3, 2008

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PRESENT: Barboza, Cordeiro, Herreshoff, Marshall and
Parella

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor
Marshall J. Netto, Town Sergeant

The Council met for their re-organizational meeting on
Wednesday evening, December 3, 2008 in the Town Hall,
Council Chambers beginning at 7:08 o'clock PM, Council
Clerk Cirillo presiding:

The Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag following upon the tradition begun by the late
Town Council Chairman, Anthony P. Iasiello in 1984.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of Council
Chairman.

Councilman Cordeiro nominated Councilman Marshall for the
office of Council Chairman. There were no counter
nominations.

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to close nominations
and to instruct the Clerk to cast
one ballot in favor of Councilman
Marshall.

The Clerk declared that Councilman Marshall was duly
elected to the office of Council Chairman and presented
Councilman Marshall with the gavel.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Council Chairman Marshall called for nominations for the
office of Council Vice-chairman.

Councilman Barboza nominated Councilman Cordeiro. There
were no counter nominations.

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to close nominations

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and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Councilman Cordeiro.

Council Chairman Marshall declared that Councilman Cordeiro was duly elected to the office of Council Vice-chairman.

5. RESOLUTION - MEETING SCHEDULE (2008-2010)

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt the meeting schedule resolution as prepared and presented.

Resolved: That the Town Council Schedule for 2008-2010 shall be as follows:

- December 17, 2008

- January 7, 2009
- January 28, 2009
- February 25, 2009
- March 11, 2009
- April 1, 2009
- April 22, 2009
- May 13, 2009
- June 3, 2009
- June 24, 2009
- July 15, 2009
- August 5, 2009
- August 26, 2009
- September 16, 2009
- October 7, 2009
- October 28, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December 9, 2009

- January 6, 2010
- January 20, 2010
- February 10, 2010
- March 3, 2010
- March 24, 2010
- April 14, 2010
- May 5, 2010
- May 26, 2010

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- June 16, 2010
- July 7, 2010
- July 28, 2010
- August 18, 2010
- September 15, 2010
- September 29, 2010
- October 20, 2010
- November 10, 2010
- December 8, 2010

It was noted for the record that meetings are to be held in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 PM.

6. APPOINTMENT - TOWN SOLICITOR AND COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

Councilman Barboza nominated Michael A. Ursillo, Esq. with offices located at 2 Williams Street in Providence for reappointment to the office of Town Solicitor. There were no counter nominations.

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Ursillo; salary to be commensurate with the budgeted amount for this office.

After the vote taken, it was noted for the record that Mr. Ursillo will hold the title of Town Solicitor and his various associates will hold the title of Assistant Town Solicitor.

7. APPOINTMENT - PROBATE JUDGE AND COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

- a. Richard B. Abilheira - Interest Reappointment, Probate Judge

Councilman Barboza nominated Mr. Abilheira for reappointment to the office of Probate Judge. There were no counter nominations.

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Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to close nominations
and to instruct the Clerk to cast
one ballot in favor of Mr.
Abilheira; salary to be
commensurate with the budgeted
amount for this office.

8. APPOINTMENTS - MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FIRST ASSOCIATE
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, SECOND ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL
COURT JUDGE, AND MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF AND
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

a. Mark Sales - Interest Reappointment, Municipal Court
Judge

b. Richard Sousa - Interest Reappointment, Municipal
Court Bailiff

Late Item

c. Jacqueline M. Grasso - Interest Reappointment, First
Associate Municipal Court Judge

Late Item

d. Paul Silva - Interest Reappointment, Second
Associate Municipal Court Judge

Councilman Cordeiro nominated Ms. Grasso to the office of
Municipal Court Chief Judge, Mr. Sales to the office of
First Associate Municipal Court Judge, Mr. Silva to the
office of Second Associate Municipal Court Judge and Mr.
Sousa to the office of Municipal Court Bailiff. There were
no counter nominations.

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to close nominations
and to instruct the Clerk to cast
one ballot in favor of Ms. Grasso,
Mr. Sales, Mr. Silva and Mr.
Sousa, for the respective
positions as noted in Councilman
Cordeiro's nomination above;
salary to be commensurate with the
budgeted amount for this office.

9. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SERGEANT AND COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICES

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- a. Marshall J. Netto - Interest Reappointment, Town Sergeant

Councilman Barboza nominated Marshall J. Netto for re-appointment to the office of Town Sergeant. There were no counter nominations.

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Netto; salary to be commensurate with the budgeted amount for this office.

10. APPOINTMENTS - TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS BY TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

- a. Police Department

Councilman Barboza and Councilman Cordeiro

- b. Department of Public Works

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilman Cordeiro

- c. Finance/Assessor

Council Chairman Marshall and Councilman Barboza

- d. Fire Department

Councilman Barboza and Councilman Cordeiro

- e. Recreation/Welfare

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilman Cordeiro

- f. Roger Williams University

Council Chairman Marshall and Councilwoman Parella

- g. Town Solicitor

Councilman Barboza and Council Chairman Marshall

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h. Water Pollution Control

Councilman Herreshoff and Council Chairman Marshall

i. Rogers Free Library

Councilman Cordeiro and Councilwoman Parella

j. Enterprise Zone

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilman Cordeiro

k. Community Development/Building

Councilman Barboza and Councilman Cordeiro

l. Harbor

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilman Cordeiro

m. Bristol/Warren Regional Schools

Councilman Barboza and Councilwoman Parella

n. Fourth of July

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilwoman Parella

o. Christmas Festival

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilwoman Parella

p. Boards and Commissions

Councilman Cordeiro and Council Chairman Marshall

q. Elderly Housing

Councilman Barboza and Councilwoman Parella

r. East Bay Community Development Corporation

Councilman Barboza and Councilman Cordeiro

s. State of Rhode Island

Council Chairman Marshall and Councilman Herreshoff

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t. Linden Place

Councilman Herreshoff and Councilman Cordeiro

u. Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force

Councilman Barboza and Councilwoman Parella

v. Bristol County Water Authority

Councilman Cordeiro and Council Chairman Marshall

11. OTHER BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

- a. **Public Hearing** - Ordinance #2008-32, CHAPTER 28, Zoning, Article III, Permitted Uses, Section 28-82 Use Regulations, Subsection (d), Permitted use Table, **2nd reading for adoption**

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to withdraw this ordinance without prejudice.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Mederos asked that the matter might be withdrawn without prejudice.

- b. Council Chairman Marshall re Councilor's individual priorities for the upcoming term, **continued from November 12, 2008**

A discussion ensued regarding the Council members individual and collective priorities for the upcoming term as follows:

Council Chairman Marshall noted that his priorities will focus on alternative energy issues including wind turbine and others. He also stated his interests in economic development and recycling.

Councilwoman Parella asked if a possibility for alternative energy might be derived from the methane gas that is present in the former landfill. She noted that the Central Landfill was recently featured in the news as pursuing this resource.

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Councilman Herreshoff recalled that the Bristol landfill was considered for methane retrieval in the past but that it was found not to be economically feasible. He did encourage another look at the matter since technologies may have changed and improved in recent years.

A further discussion considered the matter of wind energy with Councilwoman Parella noting that the Town's efforts may have "fallen behind." Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Town has not fallen behind but rather has "sat back a little" in order to await a more equitable arrangement with the power company. He explained that "virtual net metering" is now available and this change will allow the Town to recoup a higher percentage of its investment.

It was also noted that there are discussions concerning a type of 'wind farm' in the southern area of the state and that participating towns might share in the revenue/energy generated.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted that Kelly Space was considering technologies that will burn sewage sludge as an alternative energy.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he was in favor of all of these attempts provided that each would be examined carefully as "modest experiments." He added that the subject of wind power does carry the concern of "visual pollution."

Councilman Cordeiro noted that the Kelly Space people are attempting to determine if the existing refuse buried in the landfill might be "burned" for energy.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that Director of Community Development Williamson might investigate those "solar energy devices" that would be acceptable in historic districts. She also noted that historic district rules may require amendments so as to accommodate the installation of solar devices.

Council Chairman Marshall noted recent discussions with State Senate leader Theresa Paiva-Weed concerning statewide collaborations and revolving funds for emergency facilities.

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Councilman Herreshoff suggested that animal shelters might be regionalized.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that his priorities include recycling and that Cara Cromwell and others are investigating new recycling programs for businesses and condominium housing complexes. He also noted that any such program for recycling should include Roger Williams University.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that Town department heads must consider ways in which the Town can provide "more (services) with less (resources)."

Council Chairman Marshall also noted that he was in attendance at a banquet honoring those inductees named to the Bristol Athletic Hall of Fame. He suggested that the Town might have a "cultural center" at some time in order to display the artifacts of the Hall of Fame and perhaps the Fourth of July Committee.

Councilman Cordeiro noted that he was a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame committee for many years and credited this organization with a job well done at its recent ceremony and banquet.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that one of his goals for the upcoming term is to study and improve the property tax revaluation process. He noted that since the Council has a fiduciary responsibility for taxes it should take a more active role in the process.

Councilman Herreshoff also stated that another of his goals was to remain attentive to the current financial crisis since he assumes that the State will be trimming local funding further. He stated that the Town will likely find the need to reduce its expenditures. He asked who might be paying the cost for the drainage improvements at the corner of Hope and Washington Streets with Town Administrator Mederos responding that that State was bearing the entire expense.

Councilman Herreshoff noted another goal in the establishment of a "charter school" - one with emphasis on mathematics and science or perhaps boat building technology. He suggested that the Byfield and/or Reynolds Schools might be used for this purpose.

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Councilwoman Parella expressed concern that a charter school might "siphon-off" the funds available for general public education and that any such move toward this end should be carefully examined. Councilman Barboza stated that he opposed earlier plans for a charter school for this very reason. He suggested that any such school should be funded entirely by private sources.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that this school might provide those educational opportunities that are not currently available. He expressed concern that recent enrollees at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are not adequately prepared in mathematics and science.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the result Councilman Herreshoff desires might be accomplished through a "magnet" school. Councilman Herreshoff suggested that Councilwoman Parella might wish to work on this matter.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the School District might welcome a new private school since this would remove some of the "pressure" attributed to increasing enrollments.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that Roger Williams University is key to this discussion.

Councilman Cordeiro outlined his priorities including the completion of the State Street Dock improvements, working on the Robin Rug project so as to secure use of the parking lots owned by this development, hastening the acquisition of the Quinta-Gamelin Army Reserve Center through the office of Senator Reed. He also stated that he will continue to press forth with the Enterprise Zone and Kelly Space.

Councilman Barboza stated that he was interested in furthering the pursuits of the Fire Department particularly relating to the completion of the new fire station. He added his interest in school funding, charter review, and noise pollution control.

Councilwoman Parella emphasized the need for charter revision and the reconsideration of the Regional Collaborative Study of 1992. She suggested that this study

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might be reviewed so as to allow regional purchase/sharing of the "big ticket items."

Councilwoman Parella noted her focus on the animal shelter, the downtown (Town) building study; explaining that the School District's uncertainty concerning their future school building needs has effectively "placed a monkey wrench" in the planning process.

Councilwoman Parella noted her interest in the Kelly Space projects and the education system in general.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Council has effectively outlined approximately nineteen (19) projects and that he will be pleased if its honorable body can complete one-half of these successfully. Councilman Herreshoff noted that the Council has only 730 days to complete its term.

- c. Bid #668 - Phase I Repairs to the Bristol Naval Reserve Armory (Community Center)

Late Item 1. Council Records re repairs to Community Center

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of December 17, 2008.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo noted a late-delivered addendum to the specifications that warrant additional time for the contractors to submit bids. He recommended a continuance until the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the scope of this project with Director of Community Development Williamson explaining that this was a grant project funded by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. She noted that the amount available is \$100,000 and that the bidders were cautioned that the budget for this project amounted to the grant funds. It was also explained that the match of this grant is derived from previously expended Town funds; those used to repair the interior wall recently.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the scope of work with Director of Community Development Williamson responding

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that it was for repairs to the deteriorated east wall and that a large bulge is evident in the masonry. She noted that this repair is unrelated to the interior damage previously repaired within the building along the south wall.

Director of Community Development Williamson informed the Council that the engineer on the project was recommended by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

After the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall asked that he be specifically informed regarding any major capital projects with Town Administrator Mederos explaining that all projects were on hold for the moment.

Prior to adjournment, the Council extended its collective congratulations to Nancy Horne upon her selection as the "spirit of Christmas" for 2008.

Town Administrator Mederos outlined the program for the Grand Illumination to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business upon a motion by Councilman Herreshoff seconded by Councilman Barboza and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 8:15 o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk