

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Special Session
May 3, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Town Council Present: M. Isaacs, S. Cienki, M. Schwager, W. Stone, S. Todd

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, III, L. Botello, K. Benoit, E. McAndrew, C. Bradley, R. McGillivray, M. Sullivan, J. Duarte, S. Brown, S. Cirella, W. Schmidle

1. General Budget Discussion – FY 2017

DPW – Mr. Duarte presented two tables showing proposed increases in various fees; with and without New England Tech. He suggested Table 1. Discussed followed on anticipated fee adjustments at the State level and the potential effect on the budget.

After a brief recess, a new errata sheet was reviewed.

VP Cienki moved to approve the changes to the expenditures on the errata sheet updated during the meeting, including membership dues, new equipment for police, radio antennae lease, fertilizer, food for Board of Canvassers, microfilming, overtime in DPW, advertising in DPW, heating fuel and collateral pay for Fire Department, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

VP Cienki moved to accept the revenue changes on the errata sheet updated during the meeting including sound permits, soil erosion, building permits, electrical permits, plumbing permits, sidewalk openings, mechanical permits, zoning certificate fee, cruiser detail fee, inspection fees, late filing fees, holiday sales permits, miscellaneous licenses and fees, victualing licenses, drain layers licenses, liquor licenses and parking tickets, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Valet parking was discussed as far as the potential for licensing but no action was taken.

A lengthy discussion followed on the list of items still up for further discussion including building maintenance, asphalt, equipment for Parks and Grounds, tennis courts and moorings/docks.

Ms. Schmidle presented a cost analysis on the Novus Agenda software and also explained some implementation examples for new modules available for MUNIS.

Ms. Benoit advised that per Karen Grande, the school bond money could be used for improvements to the tennis courts and plumbing or drainage at the schools. The procedure to liquidate funds was examined.

A lengthy discussion followed on the prioritizing, administration and budgeting of IT projects.

Library appropriations and Grants and Contribution requests were also discussed.

VP Cienki moved to reduce the Animal Protection League to \$5,000, seconded by Councilor Todd. After further discussion, it was voted 2 – 3 with VP Cienki and Councilor Todd voting aye and President Isaacs, Councilor Stone and Councilor Schwager voting no, motion failed.

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Discussion continued on refinancing debt service, year round lighting on Main Street, library salary increases and the IT Director's salary and budget.

Councilor Stone moved to add for discussion purposes only appointments to Boards and Commissions, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed filling vacancies on several Boards and Commissions.

Councilor Stone moved to adjourn at 9:20pm, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Botello, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 22, 2016