

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

(1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Town Council Present: S. Cienki, S. Todd, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero, M. Schwager

Town Staff Present: G. Corrigan, L. Dykeman, D. D'Agostino, L. Carney, E. McAndrew, W. Schmidle, J. Duarte, C. Bradley, S. O'Neill, R. McGillivray, S. Brown, S. Cirella, R. Houghtaling, M. Antunes, S. Hughes, A. Lindo

Others: C. Malaga

President Cienki called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

President Cienki apologized to the President of the Fire Union for remarks made in a private meeting.

Solicitor D'Agostino set forth the rules of conduct for the meeting.

(2) Acknowledgements

- (a) William Daly for eight years of service on the Affordable Housing Commission.
- (b) Hilary Levey Friedman for over one year of service on the Affordable Housing Commission.

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(3) Town Council Minutes

- (a) June 26, 2017 (Regular and Executive Sessions)
- (b) July 10, 2019 (Regular/Joint Session with School Committee)
- (c) July 11, 2017 (Special Session)
- (d) July 24, 2017 (Regular and Executive Sessions)
- (e) August 19, 2017 (Special Session)

Motion to accept made by Mark Schwager, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to amend the original motion to approve July 10, July 11, July 24 and August 19 and table the minutes from June 26 made by Sean Todd, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(4) Public Hearing

(a) FY 2018 Sewer Budget

Mr. Duarte highlighted several line items that have variances from the previous year. Discussion followed on the accounting of salaries, capital upgrades and debt service. The proposed rate is \$12.06 per 100 cubic feet which reflects a 13.23% increase. There were no public comments. Item scheduled for September 11.

- (b) An ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 15 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 15-4 to extend the time employees shall leave the licensed premises after the legal closing hour and to add the requirement for filing a certificate of insurance and maintaining general liability insurance (SECOND READING).

Motion to close the Public Hearing and move to third reading on September 11, 2017 made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

There were no public comments.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

- (c) Application for a NEW Second Hand Dealer License for 1164 Douglas Ave LLC, 575 Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Anthony Gianfrancesco and his son Domenic stated they are using the space as Preamble Consignment and selling antiques and used furniture.

There were no public comments.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(5) Reports and Communications

(a) East Greenwich Drug Program 2016-2017 End of Year Report

Bob Houghtaling gave a presentation on the East Greenwich Drug Program which included details on his role as the Town's Substance Abuse Coordinator over the past 34 years. He spoke about statistics, the Youth 2 Youth program, the Teen Center and events that enhance the community. The opioid epidemic was addressed. He asked Council for their support in creating a partnership with New England Institute of Technology to host the Youth 2 Youth Conference. The Student Leadership Initiative was introduced. He closed by reciting a poem he wrote entitled *The Windowsill*.

Councilor Deutsch thanked Mr. Houghtaling for his support both personally and Town-wide.

VP Todd shared that his brother passed a year ago and that he was appreciative and thankful for the work that Mr. Houghtaling does for the Town.

President Cienki added that she plans on returning to Youth 2 Youth next year.

Additional financial support would allow for more scholarships to Youth 2 Youth, exploring options at New England Tech and increasing the intervention budget.

(6) Unfinished Business

(a) Discussion regarding claims processing policy

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Solicitor D'Agostino proposed the same policy for property damage and personal injury which tracks state law. The reference to processing claims under \$1,000 will be removed from the Town Council Rules and Guidelines. Discussion followed on processing claims, types of claims and the statute of limitations.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(7) New Business

(a) Application for a NEW Victualing License for Boxed Lunch LLC d/b/a Boxed Lunch, 591 Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Dennis Iannotti stated the theme is serving good food fast. He was on Shark Tank for his company Nuts and More.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(b) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 260 Zoning (as amended) to add Article XX "Solar Photovoltaic Systems", and to amend Section 260-62, Plan Review, Subsection C-3. (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION)

Motion to schedule for public hearing at first meeting in October made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Mr. Lindo was present to answer any questions. The Historic District Commission and the Planning Board will be providing additional input. Installers are pre-vetted through State agencies. Major installations will go before the Planning Board.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(8) Town Manager's Report

Ms. Corrigan spoke briefly before introducing Michael Walker with Berkshire Advisors, Inc. who gave a presentation that summarized the fiscal impact of changes to the FY2014-FY2016 and FY2016-FY2019 Fire Department contracts. Discussion ensued throughout and Councilors commented.

(9) Council Comments

Councilor Granatiero invited everyone to the Summers End concert.

Councilor Schwager asked Council to address the recent comments made in a work session, invoices for Town Manager services, inclusion of the Personnel Board in the search for a new Town Manager, use of the Town's website and the rules for Council conduct.

President Cienki added that the Personnel Board agreed to meet in a work session.

(10) Public Comments (15 minute time limit)

David Caldwell, 8 Aurora Road, commented on employees losing their jobs and advised he filed a complaint related to open meetings violations.

Rob Vespia, Shippeetown Road, commented on the appearance of impropriety.

Rick Tremble, 130 Cindy Ann Drive, commented on the Open Meetings Act, hiring of consultants, public employees and Council terms.

Karen Boegemann commented on the consultant, Fire Department, jaws of life, the Youth 2 Youth program, lateral transfers, payment of invoices and hiring a Town Manager.

Tracie Truesdell commented on the dunk tank, open session versus closed, Chief of Staff, budget adoption and the Open Meetings Act.

(11) Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss a claim under RIGL 45-15-5 by Kristen B. Benoit dated July 25, 2017, presented through her legal counsel.

- (b) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, IAFF Local 3328 and James Perry v. East Greenwich, KC-2017-0898.
- (c) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, Hancur v. Peixinho, KC-2016-0084, including, but not limited to the ratification of a settlement agreement reached in said matter.
- (d) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss on going labor relations matters concerning East Greenwich Firefighters Local 3328, IAFF.

Motion to go into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) made by Sean Todd, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to reconvene to open session made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

A vote was taken to approve the settlement agreement in item 11 (c) and the motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to close the executive session and to seal the minutes and keep them under seal pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 (b) made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Submitted By:
Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:

(pending)