

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Meeting
September 11, 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 (5/5): S. Cienki, S. Todd, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero, M. Schwager

Town Staff Present: G. Corrigan, L. Dykeman, D. D'Agostino, L. Carney, E. McAndrew, J. Duarte, C. Bradley, S. Brown, S. Cirella, R. McGillivray, S. O'Neil

President Cienki called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. A moment of silence followed.

(2) Reports and Communications

- (a) Presentation by The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank on the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Michael Baer from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) explained the C-PACE program which allows commercial property owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements in commercial buildings. The Town would opt-in by approving a resolution and executing an agreement with RIIB. Discussion ensued about involving schools, borrowing and savings.

- (b) Presentation by The Office of Energy Resources about free resources to assist the Town, and residential and commercial property owners save money on energy costs.

Carrie Gill and Shauna Beland with the Office of Energy Resources, Jerry Drummond with National Grid and Jeffrey Diehl, Executive Director and CEO of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, were all present. Ms. Gill spoke about available resources and Mr. Drummond briefly explained incentives and rebates from National Grid. Free energy audits, LED streetlight incentives and EV's (electrical vehicles) were discussed. Ms. Beland spoke about the Solarize Rhode Island program. Discussion ensued. Purchasing and financing mechanisms such as the state's MPA and the EBT (Efficient Buildings Fund) were explained. Additionally, the Green Buildings Act and Aggregate Energy Procurement were discussed. Council discussion followed on charging stations, municipal action and LED lighting. Mr. Diehl commented on energy consultants and borrowing.

(3) Consent Calendar

- (a) Halloween Parade Permit
- (b) Application for Private Detective License for Kevin Hopkins, 250 Chestnut Drive, East Greenwich

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(4) Unfinished Business

(a) FY 2018 Sewer Budget

Motion to approve made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(b) Review of Town Council Rules and Guidelines

Item was tabled.

(c) 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 (THIRD READING).

Motion to approve made by Councilor Deutsch, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(5) New Business

(a) Resolution ordering the assessment of valuations by the Assessor of Taxes on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property and registered motor vehicles and trailers of the Town as of the 31st day of December, A.D. 2016 at twelve o'clock midnight, according to law.

Motion to approve made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Granatiero.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(b) Payment of claim by Matthew Iadeluca for tire damage sustained on South County Trail in the amount of \$110.09.

Motion to approve made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

- (c) Payment of claim by Anthony Perretta for tire damage sustained on Cora Street in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion to approve made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

- (d) Payment of claim to Travelers Claims Hartford for damage to vehicle owned by Matthew Goodwin on Kenyon Avenue as a result of snow plowing in the amount of \$4,887.63.

Motion to approve made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(6) Town Manager's Report

Department Head evaluations will be presented at the next meeting. Visits were made to the East Greenwich Free Library, Farmer's Market and the 9/11 service at New England Tech. Work is being done with Cathy Bradley on DEM grants.

(7) Council Comments

Councilor Schwager reiterated his requests for Council discussion on remarks made by the Council President in August; Providence Analytics billings for Town Manager services; postings on the Town website by the Council President regarding pension liabilities; the General Treasurer's report on the Town; the mailer on Town taxes and the search for a new Town Manager to include the Personnel Board.

VP Todd was pleased with the work being done on the culvert on Frenchtown Road.

(8) Public Comments (15 minute time limit)

Justine Caldwell, 8 Aurora, Road, commented on a recent Twitter conversation among residents and the harmful effects of racism. Speaking on behalf of the entire Town Council, President Cienki condemned all forms of racism.

Caryn Corenthel, 5 Brookfield Court, was concerned about unanswered questions posed by Councilor Schwager and many residents over the past few meetings.

Robert Vespia, Shippeetown Road, commented on the payment of the claim on South County Trail, the consultant's presentation on the Fire Department, the 30/60/90 day plan and requested a Q & A section be added to the agenda.

Katherine Goldman, 200 Kenyon Avenue, spoke out vehemently about having no tolerance for bullying and hate speech.

Dana Guyer, 2200 Middle Road, commented on the discourse of the Council in public.

Eric Kaldor, 525 Stone Ridge, voiced his dismay with the recent Twitter conversation and Council's silence on the issue.

Nic Gregorian, 178 Main Street, suggested reducing overtime in the Fire Department to help pay for a librarian at the high school.

(9) Executive Session

- (a) 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.
- (b) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, Gendron v. Peixinho, KC-2016-0027, including, but not limited to the ratification of a settlement agreement reached in said matter.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (4), discussions involving investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, civil or criminal.

Motion to go in to Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) and (4) made by Councilor Deutsch, seconded by Councilor Granatiero.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to return to Open Session made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 pm made by VP Todd, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Submitted By:
Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:
(pending)

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