

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

(1) Call to Order

Town Council Present (4/4): S. Cienki, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero and M. Schwager (S. Todd was excused.)

Town Staff Present: D. D'Agostino, L. Dykeman, G. Corrigan, T. Walsh, S. Brown and S. Cirella

The meeting was called to order by President Cienki at 6:00 PM.

(2) 6:00 PM Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), sessions pertaining to a discussion of the job performance, including performance reviews, of persons in the employ of the Town, provided such persons affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

Motion to convene into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), for sessions pertaining to the job performance, including performance reviews, of persons in the employ of the Town, provided such persons affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require the discussion be held at an open meeting made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

Motion to close the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session and to seal the minutes of the Executive Session and to keep the minutes under seal pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 (b) made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(3) 7:00 PM Open Session and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Town Council Present (4/5): S. Cienki, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero and M. Schwager (S. Todd was excused.)

Town Staff Present: G. Corrigan, D. D'Agostino, D. Potter, L. Dykeman, J. Duarte, C. Bradley, W. Schmidle, K. Robinson, S. Brown

The meeting was called to order by President Cienki at 7:15pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

(4) Acknowledgements

- (a) 2018 EGHS Wall of Honor Inductees

Motion to approve made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(5) Town Council Minutes

- (a) March 8, 2018 (Open and closed sessions of Joint Meeting with Ad Hoc Town Manager Search Advisory Board)
- (b) March 12, 2018 (Open and closed sessions)
- (c) March 26, 2018 (Open and closed sessions)

Motion to approve made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(6) Reports and Communications

- (a) Finance Report through March 31, 2018

Finance Director Dykeman provided highlights on revenues and expenditures for the third quarter of the budget for FY 2018. The audit has been completed. Discussion ensued on motor vehicle phase out, bond subsidy, legal fees, unemployment insurance, school department salaries, bond refunding and capital expenditures.

- (b) Fire Chief's Report

Chief Robinson provided a comprehensive update on several projects and departmental issues including EMS equipment and training, Station 2 improvements, Engine 3 repairs, press release template, command presence and IT improvements, extrication tools, SCBA apparatus, IOD injuries, hose and ladder testing, cistern/hydrant testing, FF turnout gear, FF medical exams, EMT certification process, station exhaust systems and the FY 2019 budget. Council discussion ensued.

(7) Consent Calendar

- (a) Application for RENEWAL of Private Detective License for Jeffrey Enos, PO Box 125, East Greenwich, RI
- (b) Approval of a sewer assessment for the residents of Howland Farm Road in the amount of \$18,124.02.

- (c) Approval of a road improvement assessment for the residents of Howland Farm Road in the amount of \$10,797.57.
- (d) Approval of Howland Farm Road to become part of the Town of East Greenwich public roadway system.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by Mark Schwager, seconded by Nino Granatiero

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(8) Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action)

- (a) Reconsideration of Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License with Victualing License and Outdoor Sidewalk Service for the period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 for Main Street Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a ROCCO'S BISTRO, 219 Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(9) New Business (Discussion/Action)

- (a) Award of bid and recommendation for Town Manager to enter into agreement with Enviro-Safe Disposal Inc./MTG Disposal, LLC, 300 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI, 02915 for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials for the net prices as indicated on the bid tabulation sheets.

Director Duarte commented on the bid contents and the service contract.

Motion to approve made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (b) RESOLUTION to increase the maximum number of Class C liquor licenses from one (1) to two (2).

Motion to approve made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (c) Appointment of Laurie MacDougall to the Opioid Task Force

Town Manager Corrigan commented on Ms. MacDougall's credentials.

Motion to appoint made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (d) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich to add Chapter 100 Section 100-27, Fire Prevention, Inspection and Investigation (Fire Marshal) to allow the Town Fire Department, under the authority of the Rhode Island State Fire Marshall to enforce and perform all attendant duties required by the Comprehensive Fire Safety Act and all other provisions of the general and public laws pertaining thereto.
INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

Motion to schedule for second reading and public hearing on April 23rd made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

A brief discussion followed regarding the necessity of the ordinance and the previous attempt to implement the entire Chapter. Other sections may be added at a later date that could affect numbering.

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (e) Appointment of Thomas Thornton as Recreation Manager

Director Bradley spoke briefly about Mr. Thornton's promotion.

Motion to appoint made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (f) Determination and setting of salary for Thomas Thornton as Recreation Manager, as required by Town Charter Section C-67 (i).

Motion to approve salary the salary for Thomas Thornton as Recreation Manager at \$45,000 made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(10) Town Manager's Report

- (a) Fire Department reorganization proposals and presentation of immediate action plan.

Town Manager Corrigan began by reiterating that the 2013 merger of the Fire District into the Town has negatively impacted the Town in many ways. The current four platoon, 42-hour workweek structure was explained. The fiscal impact of increased overtime was noted and she addressed concerns about safety. The proposed three platoon, 56-hour workweek structure was presented. Organizational changes would reduce firefighting staff from 36 to 30 personnel. She stated that the proposed schedule is common throughout the United States and eliminates irregular and unpredictable working hours. Town Manager Corrigan made the following recommendations: that the Town Council notify the four most junior officers and the five most junior firefighters that they are subject to layoff; that the Town Council adopt the platoon re-organization plan so she may commence effects bargaining with the affected employees' union and that the Town suspend the full implementation of the plan and the effects thereof to allow the Superior Court to issue a decision in the Town of East Greenwich v. Local 3328, C.A. No. KC-2017-1276. She spoke about the number of firefighters out of work for injuries or other reasons and made a final recommendation that the Town Council assess the number of firefighters out of work due to injury or other reasons to determine the feasibility of the re-organization prior to implementation. Additionally, Town Manager Corrigan presented an alternative re-organization plan in the event that staffing levels or an unfavorable court decision precludes the implementation of the three platoon plan. The alternate plan includes options that give the Fire Chief authority to adjust night time staffing, explores volunteer/on call personnel, subcontracting EMS services and developing an action plan to make such changes. Furthermore, as part of her immediate action plan, Town Manager Corrigan recommended the appointment of an interim Deputy Fire Chief, issuance of a RFP to evaluate third-party rescue recovery billing providers and the review of incidents and service calls.

President Cienki suggested searching locally for a permanent Fire Chief and clarified that the new permanent Chief would hire the new permanent Deputy Fire Chief.

Solicitor D'Agostino explained what is expected to happen during the court hearing on April 23rd related to the judgement filed by the Town. Discussion ensued on staffing reductions. Town Manager Corrigan answered questions about rescue billing services.

(11) Public Comments (30 minute time limit)

Caryn Corenthal, 5 Brookfield Court, commented about observations she made during a previous meeting and felt that respect is lacking. She questioned several line items in the budget and challenged Town Manager Corrigan's comments about a three platoon system. Discussion ensued on fire department overtime and budgeting decisions.

Elizabeth McNamara, 18 Prospect Street, questioned legal fees and asked if Council was aware of Kelly Days pertaining to a 56 hour workweek. She asked about the hiring of Martin Associates to do PR work for the Town.

Robert Vespia, Shippeetown Road, questioned the staffing recommendations made by Town Manager Corrigan.

Karen Boegemann, 50 Partridge Run, questioned Town Manager Corrigan's employment outside of the Town of East Greenwich, her ethics filings and the re-organizational charts

for the Fire Department. Discussion ensued with the Fire Chief about response times and re-organization of the platoon structure.

Tricia Colgan advocated that this time is for comments and not Q and A.

(12) Council Comments

None

(13) Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, Pawtucket Credit Union v. East Greenwich, KC-2017-0084.
- (b) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss a pending and anticipated litigation matter related to a service or services regulated by the RI Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”), as well as a proposed MOA concerning joint litigation costs/expenses involving other RI municipalities and similarly-situated quasi-governmental entities.
- (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.

Motion to convene into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, Pawtucket Credit Union v. East Greenwich, KC-2017-0084 and sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to address proposed joint litigation related to service or services regulated by the PUC and sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically related to ongoing labor-relations matters with the East Greenwich Firefighters Local 3328, IAFF made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

Motion to close the Executive Session and reconvene to Open Session and to seal the minutes of the Executive Session and to keep the minutes under seal pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-4 (b) made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(14) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Nino Granatiero, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager

Motion Carried 4 – 0

Submitted By:

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:

(Pending)

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