

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the fifteenth day of May 2017 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:15 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Thomas Buck, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER R.I.G.L. SEC. 42-46-5(A)(7) FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE THE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi reported no votes were taken in Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The regular meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag at 7:00 P.M.

HEARINGS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE

The Council opened a hearing on an application for a Class F Liquor License filed by Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce for a Business After-Hours Networking Event scheduled for May 17, 2017 at Patceez Home & Garden Center, 165 Ashaway Road, Bradford, RI 02808.

Membership & Operations Director Maria DiMaggio from the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce was present. The application is complete and filing fees were submitted. Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin reported she had forwarded the application to the Chief of Police and had also sent it to the Town Solicitor for review. She reported that in reviewing with Solicitor McAllister, a couple of conditions were discussed. Solicitor McAllister explained the Department of Business Regulation has regulations governing liquor licenses and Rule 12 states that any entity is limited to five (5) Class F liquor licenses in one calendar year; that there is adequate police control and protection; that there are satisfactory sanitary and health facilities on the premises. He noted the Chief of Police had been contacted and was aware of the event but was not suggesting that a police detail was necessary. Solicitor McAllister added that written assurances from the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce has been received. His suggested conditions are for the Town to receive proof that the server of alcohol is TIPS certified and that the alcohol served is limited to beer and wine to be compliant with the regulations. Ms. DiMaggio noted that most of the Business-After-Hours events were held in Westerly. She had initially thought that Patceez was in the

Bradford section of Westerly but found after they submitted an application to Westerly that the business is in Hopkinton. She reported she would be the person serving the alcohol and is TIPS certified. She confirmed that beer and wine is all they would be serving. In response to a question from Councilor Husband, Solicitor McAllister explained that the five (5) Class F Liquor Licenses limit applied whether it were Patceez or the Chamber of Commerce so if either Patceez or the Chamber applied for another Class F, it would apply to the total. Councilor Capalbo asked if this requirement varied town to town. Solicitor McAllister responded no, it is a statewide regulation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE FILED BY OCEAN COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS NETWORKING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17, 2017 AT PATCEEZ HOME & GARDEN CENTER, 165 ASHAWAY ROAD, BRADFORD, RI 02808 CONDITIONAL UPON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS, PROOF OF TIPS CERTIFICATION FOR THE SERVER AND THAT IT BE LIMITED TO BEER AND WINE.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CONSENT AGENDA

The Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017; FTA Minutes of May 2, 2017; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatement due to incorrect billing submitted by the Tax Assessor; Approve request of Tax Collector to adjust off motor vehicle taxes of deceased taxpayers and to adjust off uncollectable tangible taxes as a result of taxpayer bankruptcy.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017 were corrected on page 2, last line of who voted in favor, substitute Thompson for Buck.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2017 AS CORRECTED.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Buck

SO VOTED

Councilor Buck had abstained as he had not been present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Geary of 229 Ashaway Road commented about the condition of Route 216 near the location of the new National Grid substation and whether they would be repairing the road as the temporary repairs to the road are sinking. Council President Landolfi indicated Representative Kennedy had made an inquiry to National Grid. Mr. McGarry explained that if the road had been repaired in the last five years, they are required to re-pave the roadway from curb to curb.

Council President Landolfi indicated Mr. Geary's concern will be looked into.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported the Academic All Star event at the Pawtucket Red Sox scheduled for May 13, 2017 had unfortunately been cancelled because of rain and the event postponed. He explained that he had been asked to nominate one middle school student and with the help of the Town Manager's assistant Courtney Hyland had done so and this student was to be recognized with students from the other 38 Towns and Cities. He reported that new playground equipment was donated to the Ashaway Elementary School by the Ashaway PTO and they were in need of a forklift. The Public Work Department does not have a forklift so he contacted Brad Dean who owns the facility on Chase Hill Road and found he had a forklift. Mr. Dean also offered to store the playground equipment at his facility until it can be scheduled for installation by a certified installer and then he would deliver the playground equipment to the Ashaway Elementary School. Council President Landolfi expressed his appreciation to Mr. Dean. Council President Landolfi reported the budget had been adopted by the Town Council on May 8, 2017 after a lot of hard work and effort and thanked his fellow Councilors, the Town Manager, Finance Director and Clerk's Office.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported on May 6, 2017, he and EMA Director Ron MacDonald met with Amy Hunt, P.E. an engineer from EA Engineering, Inc., the firm that was awarded the bid to prepare eight Dam Emergency Action Plans for Hopkinton where they reviewed the proposed draft of the plan and offered several recommendations. There is still more work to be done, but all eight plans are expected to be completed and reviewed by RIEMA by September 30, 2017. This project was funded through a \$25,000.00 grant from RIEMA.

OLD BUSINESS

DIGITAL SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HEARING DATE

The Council set June 19, 2017 as the hearing date for an amendment to the Digital Sign Ordinance introduced and sponsored by Council President Landolfi. Council President Landolfi reported he had reached out to Councilor Capalbo for her input to the amendment; a slight change that pertained to signage at gas stations.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE DONATION

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to authorize a donation of \$500.00 for the Memorial Day Parade from FY 16/17 Town Council Contingency line item #5065-001. Councilor Thompson suggested the Council could authorize the donation with conditions such as proof of a valid charter and assurance the Memorial Day Parade occurs. She felt the Finance Office would know who to make the check out to. Councilor Husband would like to see a copy of the charter for the post. Councilor Thompson suggested it could be the women in the auxiliary who are involved in the planning of the parade. The Town Clerk reported the Finance Office had received a phone call from Mr. Robert Boudreau requesting the donation. Councilor Thompson added if Finance Director Brian Rosso encounters a problem, he can bring the matter back to the Council. Council President Landolfi suggested Henry Holland be contacted for confirmation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$500.00 FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FROM FY 16/17 TOWN COUNCIL CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM #5065-001, CONDITIONAL UPON RECEIPT OF A COPY OF A VALID CHARTER AND CONFIRMATION THAT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IS GOING ON AS PLANNED.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

LED LIGHT SELECTION

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider voting to select the type of LED lighting that will be used to replace the Town's existing 539 streetlights. PRISM Director Thomas Gentz was present. A display of the 3000 kelvin LED lights and 4000 kelvin LED lights had been set up in the meeting room to allow the Council to see how bright they were when they were illuminated. Mr. Gentz explained the current high pressure sodium lights in Town were 2200 kelvin. Kelvin temperature is related to the measure of the steel when heated; the higher the kelvin, the closer the light is to white. Mr. Gentz referred to George Woodbury's report relative to color rendering for lighting; how studies have

shown that better visibility at night was better in preventing crimes. He explained 3000 kelvin is more yellow due to the yellow phosphorus and also more expensive; 3000 kelvin has a warmer color and is similar to the high pressure sodium light. A 50 watt high pressure sodium bulb in a cobra head fixture will lose 35% of the lamp output due to fixture inefficiency. With the color rendering for 4000 kelvin, a driver in a car has a faster reaction time. The LED's at the Junction of Route 78 and Route 1 in Westerly are dimmed to 133 watts. Councilor Buck commented that the 4000 kelvin light seemed crisper. Councilor Capalbo commented that people prefer to see color with a warmer cast; that hospitals and schools were getting away from the whiter fluorescent-type light. Council President Landolfi noted that either light can be dimmed. Mr. Gentz stated the 54 watt would be dimmed down to 39 watt; from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM they will be dimmed an additional 30% so they would not be nearly as bright. The LED's have a 180 degree cut off. Councilor Capalbo added that when the LED dims, color and quality of light stays the same. Mr. McGarry asked Mr. Gentz to dim the 54 watt bulb to 39 watts to see the variance, which he did. Councilor Husband asked Mr. Gentz if people had complained about the brightness of the lights in Providence. Mr. Gentz responded yes, there have been complaints. It was suggested that the Town can have a mix of 3000 kelvin and 4000 kelvin lights; 4000 kelvin on the main roads and 3000 kelvin on the secondary roads. Council President Landolfi questioned if that would complicate the maintenance aspect. Mr. Gentz did not feel it necessarily would unless the crew brought the wrong replacement light. Should the Town decide to use back shields that would be an additional \$20.00 per light; those would be installed separately and were more labor intensive. Council President Landolfi asked if both types of LED lights required shields. Mr. Gentz responded no, but that they were available as an option; the lights come with a 180 degree cutoff. Councilor Capalbo pointed out that there were many homes along our main streets, using Route 216 as an example. She noted Capalbo noted the back kick from the light can shine into the windows of homes; the back shields can be installed if needed. Councilor Buck suggested the Town not use them unless someone complained. Councilor Husband asked about the durability of the lights. Mr. Genz explained PRISM guarantees the lights for ten years.

Council President Landolfi asked about the costs. Mr. Gentz responded it would be \$288,000.00 for the 529 lights in Town based on 4000 kelvin. Being open to the idea, the Council considered the option of using a combination of both LED lights; 4000 kelvin on the main roads and 3000 kelvin on the side streets. The Council subsequently agreed by consensus to go with 3000 kelvin throughout Town.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO SELECT 3000 KELVIN LED LIGHTING FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi asked Mr. Gentz to let the Council know about the cost difference. Mr. Gentz indicated it would be on the purchase order and confirmed there were no back shields to be installed unless requested by the Town. Mr. Gentz added that Mr. Woodbury has committed to finishing the design work and rebate paperwork by June 15, 2017

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk