

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the twenty eighth day of November 2016 A.D. a special meeting was held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02832 beginning at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Frank Landolfi, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband, Thomas Buck; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin. Also present: Honorable Cranston Mayor Allen Fung; Senator Elaine Morgan; friends, family members and newspaper reporters in attendance.

#### **SWEARING IN OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

A swearing in ceremony for Town Officials elected on November 8, 2016 commenced. The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to elected Town Councilors Thomas Buck, Barbara Capalbo, David Husband and Sylvia Thompson. Cranston Mayor Allen Fung administered the Oath of Office to elected Town Councilor Frank Landolfi, elected Town Moderator Scott Bill Hirst and elected Town Sergeant Kraig Stromberg.

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

#### **ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

The Town Clerk called for nominations for the election of Town Council President:

Councilor Husband nominated Barbara Capalbo for Town Council President.

Councilor Buck nominated Frank Landolfi for Town Council President.

There were no other nominations for Town Council President.

The Town Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Barbara Capalbo as Town Council President. Voting in favor: Husband, Capalbo. Opposed: Landolfi, Thompson, Buck.

The nomination of Barbara Capalbo for Council President failed.

The Town Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Frank Landolfi as Town Council President. Voting in favor: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband, Buck.

Opposed: Capalbo.

The nomination of Frank Landolfi as Town Council President was approved.

The Council President assumed the chair.

### **ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

The Town Council President called for nominations for the election of Town Council Vice President:

Councilor Husband nominated Barbara Capalbo for Town Council Vice President.

Councilor Thompson nominated Thomas Buck for Town Council Vice President.

There were no other nominations for Town Council Vice President.

The Town Council President called for a vote for Barbara Capalbo as Town Council Vice President. Voting in favor: Husband, Capalbo.

The Town Council President called for a vote for Thomas Buck as Town Council Vice President. Voting in favor: Thompson, Landolfi, Buck.

The nomination of Thomas Buck as Town Council Vice President was approved.

The Town Council being formally sworn in and seated with a Council President and Council Vice President in place proceeded with their agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF TOWN MANAGER LETTER RE: TRANSIT HUB/WELCOME CENTER**

This matter has been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to authorize the Town Manager to forward correspondence to RI Governor Gina Raimondo, RIDOT Director Peter J. Alviti, Jr., and other elected officials formally notifying them of the non-binding voter referendum results, relating to the Transit Hub/Welcome Center. The results of the non-binding referendum were in opposition to the proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Town Manager to send the letter which led to discussion: Council President Landolfi asked if the Council

preference whether they would want all five Councilors names on the letter or just the Council President. It was the Council consensus that all five Councilors sign the letter. Councilor Thompson asked that it also be sent to the attention of those in charge of the TIGER Grant. She also asked if there should be any additional language included or attachments made to the letter. Council President Landolfi recommended that if there were that Councilors should forward them to the Town Manager. Town Manager William McGarry added that the letter would be sent to the Town's legislative delegation as well. Discussion ended and the Council proceeded to vote in the following motion:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BUCK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE TO RI GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO, RIDOT DIRECTOR PETER J. ALVITI, JR., AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS FORMALLY NOTIFYING THEM OF THE NON-BINDING VOTER REFERENDUM RESULTS, RELATING TO THE TRANSIT HUB/WELCOME CENTER.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk