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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Council Chambers FY 2018-2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

TUESDAY May 1, 2018 6:30 P.M

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 was called to order at 6:33 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell and Jason Zandri (left at 6:50 P.M.). Councilors Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

- 1. Moment of Silence
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
- BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLANNING & ZONING

In Attendance: Kacie Hand, Town Planner

Councilor Morgenstein inquired about curriers and big packets being delivered by the police and asked how we are cost cutting. Mrs. Hand indicated when she took over she hired a courier service, not the Police Department and stated the police only deliver the Council packets. Councilor Morgenstein then commented that they do not go electronically and asked how other towns do it. Mrs. Hand replied other towns use couriers and it is time sensitive. Mrs. Hand then explained the digital issue is maps and indicated it is hard viewing maps electronically.

Councilor Morgenstein then referred to Education and asked if the Commission uses that line item for training. Mrs. Hand stated one member takes advantage of it.

There were no questions for the following departments:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
HEALTH
PERSONNEL, PENSIONS
RISK MANAGER
INSURANCE
PROPERTY/CASUALTY
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE
PENSION FUNDS

PARKS & RECREATION

In Attendance: John Gawlack, Director, Parks & Recreation
Michelle Bjorkman, Superintendent of Recreation

Mr. Gawlack reviewed the budget and some of the future projects they hope to work on.

Councilor Shortell inquired about on-line registration and asked how it is going. Mr. Gawlack stated they are looking to do credit cards in their budget this year with on-line registration.

Councilor LeTourneau asked if there is a transaction fee if someone wants to buy pool tags with a credit card. Mr. Gawlack answered right now there is a \$1.75 fee added on. Councilor Morgenstein stated her take away is that young families will be fine with the fee and remarked they are used to paying on-line.

Councilor Marrone asked if there is any interest from the administration in having a capital item set aside for a park project. Mayor Dickinson stated we are already working on these items.

Councilor Marrone commented that we have so many school items on the capital list, why not combine some of the park items with the school items. He stated he thinks we have been very generous with the schools.

Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Gawlack to talk about some of the fields they have improved that are on school property. Mr. Gawlack spoke about Moran Baseball West Side Field and Pragemann Park. He noted that Dag Softball Field needs a lot of work.

Mayor Dickinson stated there is a lot of sharing going back and forth.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

In Attendance: James Hutt, Human Resources Director

Ric Livingston, Assistant Human Resources Director

Kurt Treiber, Risk Manager

Councilor Shortell thanked Mr. Hutt for sending the Council the information that he requested.

Councilor Shortell wants to confirm that the town has 1,200 employees and asked if that includes the Board of Education. Mr. Hutt answered yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY: LETOURNEAU SECONDED BY: MARRONE

ALL AYE

MOTION:

PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss Council Staff Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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