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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2018
RECORD OF MINUTES AND VOTES

The Special Town Council Workshop on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein and Christopher K. Shortell. Councilors Vincent F. Testa, Jr. and Jason Zandri 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
3. Budget setting goals for the Town Council for fiscal year 2019-2020 – Councilor Marrone

Councilor Marrone stated every year we come to the end of the budget process and some say yes and some say no. The Mayor sets his goals down but we never say our goals. He then mentioned three ideas that he would like to bring up:

- (1) Slight Deficit or Budget Neutral
- (2) Separate Capital Improvement Budget
- (3) Reboot the whole Meeting Process- Inefficiency, too many meetings

He then stated to start this off he would like for us to speak with one voice.

Councilor Shortell stated he does not believe in a zero budget increase. He suggested changing the meeting process as instead of one public hearing maybe every meeting should include the public. He wants to talk about putting the public hearing on the website instead of the newspaper.

Councilor Laffin stated he likes what everyone has said so far. He then asked Councilor Marrone how the special capital account would look. Councilor Marrone stated his thought was we would separate our budget into two parts (1) reoccurring and (2) maintenance.

Councilor Laffin suggested putting on the Ordinance Committee the advertising issue for this month.

Councilor LeTourneau asked Mr. Bowes on the cap and nonrecurring, is it three years? Mr. Bowes replied it is six years.

Councilor LeTourneau stated it's not in the budget, but it is still in our budget books and it's hard to keep track of.

Councilor Fishbein stated he does support publication by other means. He has people ask him every year for the backup material and he believes it should be made public. He stated the backup answers a lot of questions. He went on to explain the state statute we passed allowed towns to change their adoption date of the budget in their Charter without a Charter change. He understands we can do that through an ordinance and he thinks we should consider that.

Councilor Shortell does not support changing the adoption date of the budget. He stated the Board of Education needs to know what they are getting, they are hiring and planning ahead at this time of year.

Chairman Cervoni believes every year they have always had unknown numbers and still adopted a budget. He stated with everything that has been discussed, he will put on the next ordinance agenda the notification issue. He is open to a more palatable budget process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

MOTION: PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

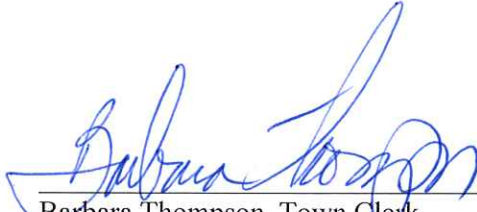
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

20 November 2018
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