

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

7:00 P.M. or Immediately Following the Regular Town Council Meeting

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 was called to order at 8:56 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Craig Fishbein was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also present.

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
3. Discussion and Possible Action on Revision of Town Council Rules and Procedures.

Councilor Shortell proposes that the word “Workshop” does not appear in the Rules and he proposes to add under Section IV; Public Comment to be allowed in Workshops. He suggested we err on the side of transparency.

Councilor Zandri asked Councilor Shortell if he was talking about all workshops. Councilor Shortell answered yes.

Councilor Zandri then asked if the Chairman can lock it down.

Councilor Shortell thinks that the public should always be allowed to talk.

Councilor Tatta asked Councilor Shortell if he is looking to add this. Councilor Shortell replied yes, to Article IV.

Councilor Testa stated he considers workshops “our meetings” not excluding the public but being able to have a give and take among ourselves.

Chairman Cervoni clarifies that we have a Budget Public Hearing then workshops then the second Tuesday in May we have a public meeting to vote on the Budget.

Councilor Marrone stated we talked about the Budget process and then indicated the Workshop process could be public comment.

Councilor Tatta explained the public can email you, call you and they can reach out to you to talk with you.

Chairman Cervoni stated the votes we are taking tonight are to advance to the Regular Council meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADD TO THE END OF SECTION IV; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED AT ALL TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS, EXCEPT AS NOTED IN SECTION XII, B(3).

**MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

ROLL CALL VOTE:		SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN:	ABSENT	TATTA: NO
LAFFIN:	NO	TESTA: YES
MARRONE:	YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN:	YES	CERVONI: NO

5-AYE

3-NAY

1-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADD UNDER SECTION XIV CONSENT AGENDA SECTION C AFTER 12:30 P.M. INSERT; IF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OCCURS ON A TUESDAY FOLLOWING A MONDAY HOLIDAY, THE COUNCIL SHALL NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK BY 4:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING FRIDAY OF AN ITEM TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT.

**MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: MARRONE
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: MARRONE
ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

25 FEB 2020

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

2-26-20

Date

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