



Tanya D. Lane
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**February 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Helen Nelson Room, Town Hall.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Anest
Councilor Budrejko
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor Manke
Councilor Marocchini
Councilor Nagel - absent
Councilor Serra - absent
Mayor Zartarian

Staff Present

Tanya Lane – Town Manager
Jaime Trevethan – Asst. to the Town Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Manke moved to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Councilor Klett. Motion passed 7-0 (Councilors Nagel and Serra absent)

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA - none

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Hall Construction Manager

Councilor Marocchini explained that the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee interviewed many candidates for the Construction Manager position and recommend Downes Construction of New Britain. He stated that all concerns about public perception have been cleared and that Downes' fee is nearly \$250,000 less than the competition.

Councilor Marocchini moved the following:

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RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council, upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee; hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Downes Construction Company of New Britain CT to provide construction management at risk services for the Town Hall Renovations Project.

Motion seconded by Councilor Klett.

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Anest - yes
Councilor Budrejko - yes
Councilor DelBuono - yes
Councilor Klett - yes
Councilor Manke - yes
Councilor Marocchini - yes
Councilor Nagel - absent
Councilor Serra - absent
Mayor Zartarian - yes

Motion passed 7-0.

B. Collective Bargaining Agreement

Town Manager Lane indicated that the final step in the collective bargaining process is for the Council to approve the proposed AFSCME contract, as ratified by union members on February 4, 2017. She stated that both sides worked well together to come up with a responsible document. She thanked Labor Attorney Giantonio, staff and both bargaining teams.

Councilor Marocchini inquired about the contractual salary increases. Town Manager Lane replied that they are 2.0%, 2.25%, 2.5% and 2.5% over four years.

Councilor DelBuono thanked the Town Manager and teams for their hard work, especially on the health benefits component. Councilor Budrejko thanked the Town Manager and teams for negotiating with respect. She indicated confidence that the document was built on a solid foundation. Councilor Klett thanked the Town Manager and teams. She stated that negotiations are difficult but she is pleased that these were done in good faith. Councilor Manke stated that both parties negotiated for the best interests of the Town and came to a great conclusion. Mayor Zartarian noted that the process was completed without the need to go to mediation or arbitration.

Councilor Anest moved the following:

WHEREAS, AFSCME Local 2930 membership ratified the proposed FY 2016 through FY 2020 labor contract on February 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after said ratification by the membership the proposed contract would be considered for Town Council approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby approves the proposed AFSCME Local 2930 contract for the period of February 16, 2017 through June 30, 2020 and authorizes the Town Manager to execute said contract on behalf of the Town.

Motion seconded by Councilor Manke.

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Anest - yes
Councilor Budrejko - yes
Councilor DelBuono - yes
Councilor Klett - yes
Councilor Manke - yes
Councilor Marocchini - yes
Councilor Nagel - absent
Councilor Serra - absent
Mayor Zartarian - yes

Motion passed 7-0.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA – none

VIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor DelBuono. Motion passed 7-0 (Councilors Nagel and Serra absent).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan
Asst. to the Town Manager