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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
L101 – Lower Level
7:00 P.M.

March 16, 2017

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Attendees:

Tanya Lane, Town Manager
Ann Harter, Finance Director
Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director
Chris Schroeder, Fire Marshal
Stephen Clark, Police Chief
Roxanne Verbridge, Administrative Assistant to the Chief
Karen Futoma, Human Services Director
Dianne Stone, Senior and Disabled Center Director
Jaime Trevethan, Asst. to the Town Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Manke moved to accept the agenda and the motion was seconded by Councilor Serra. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett– absent).

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA - none

IV. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

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A. Budget Review: Public Safety (Fire, Police, Street Lighting, Emergency Management, EMS, Hydrants)

The Council reviewed the FY 2017-18 Town Manager's proposed Fire Department/Fire Marshal budgets with the Town Manager and Fire Marshal/Chief Chris Schroeder. Town Manager Lane indicated that the overall budget for the Fire Department is up only 0.6% and that there are no major changes to the Fire Marshal budget.

The Council discussed the CERT team, training tower and NVFD 100th Anniversary celebrations.

The Council reviewed the FY 2017-18 Town Manager's proposed Police Department budget with the Town Manager and Police Chief Clark. Town Manager Lane indicated that the budget includes one additional Dispatcher position and that the overall budget is up only 0.25%

The Council discussed the Narcan program as well as the regional purchase of tactical vests, which must be replaced every five years. Chief Clark discussed donations received by businesses and the community, as well as community outreach and the concept of community policing.

Councilor Anest request a summary report of the various budget items (i.e. salaries, supplies), overall, by department.

The Council reviewed the FY 2017-18 Town Manager's proposed EMS budget with the Town Manager and Scott Woods. There are no changes to the proposed budget.

B. Budget Review: Human Services

The Council reviewed the FY 2017-18 Town Manager's proposed Human Services budget with the Town Manager and Human Services Director Karen Futoma. Town Manager Lane indicated that the change in personnel is due to a contractual position being converted to a part-time employee position.

Human Services Director Karen Futoma indicated that the economy continues to be a factor but that the Department is able to function well due to the support of the Council and the community.

C. Budget Review: Senior and Disabled Center

The Council reviewed the FY 2017-18 Town Manager's proposed Senior and Disabled Center budget with the Town Manager and Senior and Disabled Center Director Dianne Stone.

Senior and Disabled Center Director Dianne Stone indicated that the vast majority of the Center's budget is for staff, which cannot be cut. She indicated that the exercise equipment replacement has been deferred and stated that the Center operates well due to the support of the community. She expressed concern with cuts to State-funded programs.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (via telephone): Ms. Lyons asked for clarification of the process to identify and request repair of broken street lights. She indicated that there are five lights out on Constance Leigh Drive.

Scott Woods, 77 Northwood Road, EMS Committee Chair: Mr. Woods indicated that the Newington EMS services are extremely important and impact about 4000 residents per year. He expressed appreciation for all first responders and asked the Council to consider that there may be costs associated with emergency medical care in the future.

VIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett Absent)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan
Asst. to the Town Manager