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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**L101 – Lower Level
5:00 P.M.**

April 4, 2017

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest
Councilor Budrejko – arrived at 5:10 p.m.
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
Jaime Trevethan, Asst. to the Town Manager
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Manke moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Councilor Nagel. The motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Budrejko/Klett – absent).

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Wished the Mayor a happy birthday.

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Lease Purchase Financing: Fire Department Apparatus

Ann Harter indicated the Town had received ten RFP responses. TD Bank was chosen with an interest rate of 1.84% for a five year loan.

Councilor Marocchini moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington issued a request for proposals for a lease purchase financing for one 2017 Velocity Custom Pumping Engine and related equipment (the "Equipment") from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, TD Equipment Finance (the "Lessor") submitted the lowest responsible bid to lease the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to acquire the Equipment and enter into a lease purchase agreement to finance the Equipment with the Lessor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that (i) the acquisition of the Equipment is hereby approved, (ii) the bid of the Lessor to finance the Equipment is hereby accepted, and (iii) the Town Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") with the Lessor, for the lease of the Equipment for a period of no more five (5) years and to determine the principal amount, date, terms and other details of the Lease subject to the following limitations. The amount of the Lease shall be no greater than \$715,000 payable in installments at an interest rate of 1.84%. At the end of the lease term, provided all the payments required under the Lease, including the payment of rent, have been made, the Town may purchase the Equipment for an amount not more than \$1.00. The Lease will include a "nonappropriation of funds" clause allowing for termination in the event that sufficient funds are not appropriated to make the payments of rent each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Manager, Director of Finance, and other officers or employees of the Town, or any one of them as appropriate, are hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to act as escrow agent and to take such action, to make such representations and covenants and to execute and deliver such contracts, financing statements, agreements and documents, including but not limited to, an escrow agreement and a tax regulatory agreement as is determined to be necessary or desirable to enter into and secure its obligations pursuant to the Lease, to insure the exemption of interest paid on the Lease is free from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to purchase the Equipment and that the execution of such contracts, financing statements, agreements and documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and the motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Budrejko/Klett – absent).

B. STEAP Grant: Constance Leigh Drive

Mayor Zartarian explained the grant would continue the work on Constance Leigh Drive.

Councilor Anest moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to submit an application for grant funding with the State Department of Economic Development (DECD) in the amount of \$500,000 from the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant to be utilized for improvements to the Constance Leigh Drive Streetscape .

The motion was seconded by Councilor Serra and the motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Budrejko/Klett – absent).

C. Fair Housing Month

Councilor Nagel moved the following:

WHEREAS, all American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, or familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington is committed to upholding these laws and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Newington or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of any illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Newington.

The motion was seconded by Councilor DelBuono and the motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Budrejko/Klett – absent).

**VII. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)
A. Historic Document Preservation Grant**

Mayor Zartarian said this grant would enable the Town to digitize military records by scanning them prior to digitizing. A hard copy would be available for viewing as well. The Town qualified for \$5k and the deadline to apply was April 30.

VIII. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

None

IX. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)

Councilor Budrejko moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$706.61 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the “Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes,” certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Marocchini and the motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent).

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)

None

XI. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Councilor Serra. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent).

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council