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MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

L101 – Lower Level
6:00 P.M.

April 6, 2017

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest
Councilor Budrejko
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
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

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Nagel moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Councilor Anest. The motion passed 9-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –ON AGENDA

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: Mr. Bachand spoke regarding the potential purchase of the former St. Mary's school. He stated that he is against the purchase of the building only due to the timing of the sale, not the actual purchase of the building itself.

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: REAL ESTATE & PERSONNEL

Councilor DelBuono moved to go into Executive Session re: Real Estate and Personnel at 6:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0. All Councilors, Town Manager Lane and Town Attorney Ben Ancona were present at the Executive Session.

Councilor DelBuono moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Real Estate

Mayor Zartarian read the following statement into the record (as authorized by consensus of the Town Council):

We discussed the possible acquisition of a piece of real estate, specifically the St. Mary's School building. However, it is also the consensus of the Council that we do not have enough time or information at this point to make an informed decision one way or the other regarding that property before budget adoption, scheduled for April 18, 2017. The budget process will proceed as has been planned; addressing that acquisition will not be part of that budget. However, we will continue as a Council to explore opportunities as they evolve.

Councilor Marocchini expressed appreciation that the Council was able to work together well on this issue.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: Mr. Bachand indicated that the Council came to a sensible and logical conclusion. He stated that he hopes that public comment sometimes piques the Council's interest and suggested that the Town look into a biannual budget.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: (via telephone): Ms. Lyons expressed disappointment in certain people exposing information that should have been kept behind closed doors and expressed embarrassment that the town was again thrown into turmoil over leaked information.

XI. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Councilor DelBuono. The motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan
Asst. to the Town Manager