

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
November 24, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Trocki called the Jamestown Town Council work session to order at 6:41 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014 in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

II. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Mary E. Meagher, Vice President
Blake A. Dickinson
Michael G. White
Thomas P. Tighe

Also in Attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Michael C. Gray, Public Works Director
Lisa Bryer, Town Planner
Wyatt A. Brochu, Town Solicitor
David R. Petrarca, Jr., Assistant Town
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

III. TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A) Agenda setting for the Town Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014

Review of Agenda. Town Administrator Nota reviewed the agenda by sections.

III. Acknowledgements, Announcements, Resolutions and Proclamations. The Proclamation for Sgt. Woodbine, police officer promotion, and acknowledgements were reviewed. Vice President Meagher asked that a Proclamation for the Pryor family be added to the agenda in recognition of the installation of the median barrier on the Newport Pell Bridge.

IV. Public Hearings, Licenses and Permits. The One Day Event/Entertainment license application for Eident Sports was reviewed. The Police Chief and Town Administrator have not heard whether they will be in attendance Monday. This is a for-profit, non-Jamestown entity that runs events all along the East coast. The Council is struggling with the value and inconvenience for Island residents due to their race. Most events are run by

non-profit entities. Eident may withdraw their application. We should have confirmation in next few days they will attend to seek approval of the application.

V. Open Forum.

VI. Council, Administrator, Solicitor, Commission/Committee Comments and Reports. Mr. Nota stated he will give updates on current projects under his report. There will be two presentations following his report: a) Parks and Recreation Department Fort Getty 2014 Season Report and b) Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation 2014 Season Report and what they are looking to for next season, scope of operations, and long-term vision moving forward. Improvements to the Pavilion will be addressed under the Town Administrator's Report.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business. Mr. Nota commented the two-year renewal to December 2016 for the Direct Energy contract is on the agenda. Unfortunately electricity rates are expected to increase from 30% to 50% over the next two years. It is hoped this will moderate in 2017 when new gas line installations are completed. Public Works has a bid award for a wood chipper on the agenda. The Town Council procedure for agenda setting and calendar preparation is on the agenda for review to be sure all are content with the process followed. Video taping of Council meetings will be reviewed with Mike Glier to determine what the Council would like. This could be in place by the February meeting.

IX. Ordinances and Appointments. Appointments – reappointments and resignations. The Council needs to schedule interviews to fill vacant positions. The Council would like a schedule of applicants for vacancies. We should try to keep the January meeting free to accommodate interviews.

X. Consent Agenda. Mr. Nota stated the Consent Agenda includes Council Minutes, Board and Commission Minutes, CRMC Notices, Proclamations from other municipalities, Abatements, and the Finance Director's Report.

XI. Communications and Petitions. Communications include five letters regarding the tennis courts, sea level rise, senior services, and solid waste initiatives.

XII. Executive Session. Mr. Nota reported there are two issues on the agenda pertaining to potential litigation that require direction from Council in order to move forward. (second executive session)

A review of the Joint Town Council/School Department work session, special meeting and executive session was reviewed. There is a full agenda schedule for that date.

Tick Task Force should be placed under VII. Unfinished Business for the freezer use policy and the Incentive Program Policy to reimburse hunters for processing the second deer.

Reappointment of Tick Committee Members should also appear on the Agenda.

Committee Liaisons should also be on the Agenda.

Solicitor Petrarca noted better descriptions for Executive Session items are required, including PBH Realty v Jamestown Zoning Board of Review for potential litigation for Monday's agenda.

- B) Open Forum
 - 1) Scheduled to Address. None
 - 2) Non-scheduled to Address.

Jon Mistowski. Mr. Mistowski informed the Council of a problem with his car being towed when it should not have been towed. He was charged for nine days of storage for his vehicle in Middletown and he wants it back. He is disabled and needs his vehicle and has documentation from the DMV. He will speak to this on the agenda next week, but for right now, he needs his car back. Discussion continued.

President Trocki noted this is a work session with Open Forum and the issue regarding his vehicle cannot be addressed at this time, the Council can only listen.

Mr. Mistowski again stated he would like this clarified and have his vehicle returned to him tonight. Discussion continued. This will reviewed further by Town Administrator Nota, Police Chief Mello, and Solicitors Brochu and Petrarca after the Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Town Council work session was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

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Town Administrator
Finance Director
Town Solicitor