

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2014
(Continuation of meeting convened on
Monday, February 24, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.)

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members Present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Mary E. Meagher, Vice President
Thomas P. Tighe
Eugene B. Mihaly
Blake A. Dickinson

Also in Attendance:

Christina Collins, Interim Town Administrator
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER

Town Council President Trocki reconvened the special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council at 5:00 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

III. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

A) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) Personnel (Discussion of Town Administrator replacement); discussion and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session

A motion was made by Eugene Mihaly with second by Blake Dickinson to enter into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) Personnel.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) the following vote was taken by the Jamestown Town Council to enter into Executive Session: President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, (arriving late).

The Jamestown Town Council resumed its special meeting at 6:14 p.m. President Trocki announced that no votes were taken during the Executive Session. President Trocki noted the discussion in Executive Session regarding the possible appointment of a new Town

Administrator, and she believes the Town Council is prepared to make a decision and requested a motion for appointment of a new Town Administrator.

A motion was made by Eugene Mihaly with second by Mary Meagher to propose that the Town retain Andrew Nota as our new Town Administrator.

Discussion. The appointment will be at the budgeted salary and benefits commensurate with department heads and Mr. Keiser's benefits, with similar terms and conditions to Town Administrator Keiser's contract. The contract will be finalized through negotiations between Mr. Nota and our Town Solicitor. Mr. Nota is looking forward to coming aboard here in Jamestown.

Vice President Meagher noted he is currently the Director of Administrative Services for the Town of South Kingstown, previously served as their Director of Leisure Services, and served as Director of Recreation in Narragansett. Most people spoke to his character and professionalism and that he is someone capable of vision.

Councilor Dickinson stated he reviewed Mr. Nota's background and was impressed with his references, and he was highly recommended. He looks forward to working with him.

Councilor Mihaly stated he did some background checking as well and the characteristics that came across were decent, highly competent, and very fine at working with people as a leader and as a member of a group of peers. I look forward to working with him.

Councilor Tighe noted he looks forward to having Andrew Nota working in the Town Administrator's position and servicing the Town and the Town Council's needs.

President Trocki commented Mr. Nota was a finalist from the prior Town Administrator search process and background checks were done at that time and more references were checked during this process. Mr. Nota's character is exceptional, he is a dedicated, hard worker, he is excellent at strategizing and brain-storming, he is a consensus builder, not afraid to make the tough decisions, is very dedicated to every position he is in and will work hard, give all his efforts, and not accept or take accolades. He is thorough, not political, and figures out the best solution for the situation.

Back to the vote on the motion. **President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye.**

Mr. Nota addressed the Council and citizens and thanked the Council for the honor and privilege of serving the Town of Jamestown. He looks forward to his start date of March 31st and to the challenges and opportunities presented by this appointment. The Home Rule Charter requires Rhode Island residency for this position. Mr. Nota lives very close by and is looking forward to coming to Jamestown in the near future.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mary Meagher with second by Thomas Tighe to adjourn the meeting. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

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 Finance Director
 Town Solicitor