

APPROVED MINUTES

February 29, 2016

Kittery Town Council
Special Meeting
Requested by Gary Beers, Chair

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Beers called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.
2. INTRODUCTORY: Chairperson Beers read the introductory.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairperson Beers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. ROLL CALL: Answering the roll were Councilors Frank Dennett, Russell White , Jeffrey Thomson, Judy Spiller, Kenneth Lemont, Vice Chair Charles Denault and Chairperson Beers
5. DISCUSSION

- a. Discussion by members of the public (only on item 6 below and three minutes per person)

HOLLY ZURER STATED SHE DISAGREED WITH HAVING CHIEF O'BRIEN AS INTERIM TOWN MANAGER AND FELT WE NEED SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE.

ANN GRINNELL ASKED HOW THE PROCESS WILL GO WHEN VOTING FOR THE INTERIM MANAGER. SHE FELT THE INTERIM MANAGER SHOULD BE HERE FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME SO THE COUNCIL CAN GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND SHE WANTS A FAIR PROCESS.

GEORGE DOW ASKED WHEN COUNCIL IS INTERVIEWING TO STRONGLY CONSIDER THE TERM FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUALS SKILL SET AND QUALIFICATIONS AND THE PRICE LAST. HE STATED WE ARE LOSING A FANTASTIC INDIVIDUAL AND SHE WAS HIRED UNDER A GREAT PROCESS AND KITTERY IS WORTH MORE THAN A PRICE TAG.

- b. Chairperson's response to public comments

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. (020316-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program in accordance with Town Charter Section 6.05 and Council Policy, as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR SPILLER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMSON TO APPROVE THE 2017-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN CHARTER SECTION 6.05 AND COUNCIL POLICY AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION PASSED, 7-0.

- b. (020316-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to approve the fiscal year 2017 Capital Improvement Program budget in accordance with Town Charter Section 6.04 (2) and Council Policy, in the amount of \$1,208,975.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR LEMONT TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN CHARTER SECTION 6.04 (2) AND COUNCIL POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,208,975. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION PASSED, 7-0.

CHAIRPERSON BEERS RECESSED THE MEETING IN ORDER TO MOVE TO CONFERENCE ROOM A TO CONTINUE WITH THE MEETING BEGINNING WITH ITEM C. ON THE AGENDA.

c. (020316-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to interview the following candidates for Interim Town Manager.

- 5:00 pm Bert Kendall
- 5:20 pm Mitch Berkowitz
- 5:50 pm Carol Granfield

INTERVIEWS WERE HELD WITH BERT KENDALL AND MITCH BERKOWITZ WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND WITH CAROL GRANFIELD VIA SKYPE.

d. (020316-4) The Kittery Town Council moves to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement for Interim Town Manager services.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMSON SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SPILLER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MRI FOR CAROL GRANFIELD'S SERVICES AS INTERIM TOWN MANAGER.

COUNCILOR DENAULT STATED HE FELT THAT COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT APPOINTING A PERSON INTERNALLY AS INTERIM TOWN MANAGER. HE FELT WE HAD VARIOUS QUALIFIED PEOPLE WHO COULD SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR DENAULT SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DENNETT TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPOINT FIRE CHIEF DAVID O'BRIEN AS INTERIM TOWN MANAGER UNTIL A FULL TIME TOWN MANAGER IS HIRED. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN MOTION FAILED 3-4, WITH COUNCILORS THOMSON, SPILLER, BEERS AND WHITE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MAIN MOTION, THE MOTION PASSED 6-1 WITH COUNCILOR DENNETT VOTING IN THE OPPOSITION.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR THOMSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SPILLER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:24 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR BY A VOICE VOTE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.