



Town of Randolph

Town Hall
41 South Main Street
Randolph, MA 02368

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Monday, October 19, 2015

7:00 PM

Chapin Hall
Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Fernandes called the meeting to order. Councilor Alexopoulos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: 8 - Councilor Edward Gilbert, Councilor Andrew Azer, Councilor Arthur Goldstein, Councilor Paul Fernandes, Councilor William Alexopoulos, Councilor Paul Meoni, Councilor Kenrick Clifton, Councilor Jason Adams

Moment of Silent Prayer

Announcement from Council President

There will be no Executive Session this evening.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

Correspondence

SYS14-0274 Correspondence

Reminder that Harvest Hoopla is taking place on Saturday, 10/24/15, noon to 4pm at Powers Farm.

Memo from DHCD that 2015-2016 Cold Relief brochure has been posted to the DHCD website, provides information on three low-income heating assistance programs.

One day liquor license request from St. Bernadette Parish, the Vietnamese community hosting a Christmas concert/fundraiser on Saturday, 12/19/15 from 6pm - 12am. Councilor Alexopoulos moved the request, seconded by Councilor Meoni. Vote 8-0.

One day liquor license request for 11/13/15 at Stetson Hall for a wake keep service of song for applicant's mother who recently passed away. No further information has been received, but will be sought by Mrs. Keane. Councilor Goldstein moved to grant request subject to receipt of required information, seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos. Councilor Azer recommended that the motion include the stipulation that it be no later than

midnight, Councilor Goldstein accepted the friendly amendment. Vote 8-0.

Committee Reports

Schools - Met on 10/8/15, received a letter from the Department of Education, regarding FY2016 AIP, called the plan "strong", very supportive of Town's efforts. Presented with the MSBA project for JFK and RHS windows and doors, bids are due this week, expect a presentation, plan to vote 11/12/15, will then be forwarded to the Council. Invite the public to Open House reception on Thursday, 11/12/15 at 6:00-7:30pm, come to RCMS, meet the School Committee members.

Councilor Goldstein - any idea when district will see movement from Level 4 to Level 3? Councilor Meoni - no new information at this point. Superintendent and Chair of School Committee in constant talks with Secretary of the Department of Education, at this point, don't know when. Has the School Committee discussed the possible impact on the district if Governor Baker lifts the limit on the number of charter schools in underperforming districts? Some discussion, but no determination as to stance of School Committee.

Councilor Goldstein moved to recess until the Town Manager is able to rejoin the meeting, seconded by Councilor Gilbert. Vote 8-0.

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

SYS14-0295 Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1), which permits an executive session for the following purposes: To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

7:15 PM - Public Hearing

SYS14-0290 Council Order 2015-022 FY'16 Updated Budget

Mr. Murphy - this is an attempt to clarify the submittal the Council approved for the FY'16 budget - inconsistency between expenditure lines and total amount captured at bottom of vote taken by Council. Disparity is \$221,816, made up of two line items, Technology and town-funded Recreation support. This Order cleans this up ahead of going through recap process. Expenditures consistent with what Council approved in June.

Legal notice was read into the record.

No members of the public spoke in favor.

No members of the public spoke in opposition.

Councilor Goldstein moved to approve Council Order 2015-022 as read into the record by the Clerk of the Council, seconded by Councilor Meoni, in the amount of \$221,816. Vote 8-0.

SYS14-0294 Council Order 2015-025 - Approval of Borrowing, Appropriation, Renovation and Construction of a Police Station

Legal notice was contained in the one read for Council Order 2015-022.

Town Clerk Brian Howard, John LeMieux, Project Manager from Vertex, and Police Chief William Pace.

Looking for appropriation of \$5,868,000.

Mr. Howard - full presentation made back in July, following tour of the existing Police Station. Designs have not changed since last time. 1996 Police moved to current facility, 58 sworn officers at the time, currently 64 sworn officers. Adding 3,000sf new to the existing space, and renovating 95% of the existing space.

Chief Pace - current issues: non-conforming cells, regularly cited by Department of Public Health, security compromised, prisoner processing and release areas, evidence and records storage, general lack of workspace, detective area inadequate in size, staff facilities nowhere close to meeting the needs of current workforce, lack of public spaces to meet with people, nowhere to meet with someone in a non-secure area. Numerous handicap access issues as well.

Mr. Howard - in addition, renovation does overhaul HVAC systems, which have been an issue for over a decade.

Chief Pace - expanded detention area will be head and shoulders above what have now, plans same as saw in July.

John Lemieux - project bid in accordance with Chapter 149 procurement laws. 12 sub-bids, most, if not all scopes responded to very well. General contractor bids, received 7. Low bid that day was BC construction, but within 24 hours notified of bid error. Low bidder now is Page Building Construction out of Stoughton. Owner's contingency is approximately 10.4%, if don't use it, will get it back. With renovation though, should plan on using at least half of that.

Mr. Howard- Estimate for combined station in 2012 was \$18 million, expected 4% shift each year in cost. Clear that over past year, over 10% shift in market, year before was 6%. Combined station today would be approximately \$22 million. Combined cost tonight is \$11.8 million. Significant number of issues addressed, went over numbers again today, mean that RPD should remain in that space, continue to serve the public easily for the next 30-40 years, space is there, very comfortable with project bringing forward tonight.

Mr. Burke - nightmare now for parking, what will happen after renovations? Chief Pace - they way that the building will line up after renovations, it will actually add 18-19 more spaces. Building new Fire Station for less money than renovating the Police Station, why not just build new Police Station? Cost for new police station significantly more than a fire station. Stuff that goes in a lot more involved in construction process.

Mr. James Spearin, 17 Vine Street - has anyone ever come into Police Station with guns? No. All the glass and security makes person coming in feel very uncomfortable. Thinks if was more open, would be a big help for RPD and public. Chief Pace - plans do include more "friendly" public meeting area.

No members of the public spoke in opposition.

Councilor Goldstein - construction done in phases over eighteen months? Yes. What are the phases? Number one priority throughout process will be public access. Phasing plan will be available in more detail after talking to the contractor. New area constructed first? Yes, and move into it, then renovate existing space.

Councilor Meoni - saw picture of locker room, what are accommodations for female officers? Currently have adequate space, but will have "facelift" done, and get new lockers. Goal for staff on ratio? Right now at 57 men, five women, depends where come on list. Priority is to hire Randolph residents. New design ADA compliant? Yes.

Councilor Gilbert - during construction process, will traffic flow of officers and prisoners coming in be altered? Envision using garage much more during construction than do right now. On daily basis, no. During construction itself, disruption in building, detectives being moved? Yes, into Town Hall for a time, Lincoln Room, for a few months. Since garage will be utilized, when that's complete, what will happen? Sallyport and bay are part of new design, and very much needed. Mr. Howard - new design, will be able to walk through station without going through secure areas,

won't be able to travel through two doors at a time, significant security measures.

Councilor Clifton - original preference was for stand-alone police station. Over next year or so, spending potentially \$20 million in construction, need to really give consideration to what doing to ensure that women and minority owned businesses get chance to compete, local residents, businesses and suppliers are hired and engaged. How are we ensuring these are addressed? Stoughton company received bid, all businesses in town had equal opportunity, published in both parts of process. Met with Page Building Construction, shared concerns about this with them, offered that there is a list of local firms. Half of firms already hired through bid. Second half still buying out, Page is entertaining bids for finishing buying out. Mentioned DCAM, State agency that sets standards for procurement, correct? They certify firms that are qualified. Get approved for single project limit and aggregate project limit. Once Page was low-bidder, staff from KBA went through their DCAM file, which includes comments from previous jobs. One of major requirements from DCAM is to have women and minority owned business components, can anyone speak to that? We don't know who makes up their team at this point, Town's policy was published, can make recommendations on firms to them. Mr. Murphy - at pre-construction meeting with general contractor, can strengthen language generally used. Some areas it is a matter of discretion, some it is not.

Councilor Azer - state law on how bids go out, right? Right. Can't dictate who they hire? Sub-bids for trades, no. Second half of project not in those 12 trades, more latitude in who gets used. How get word on project? Pre-construction meeting. What about getting word out to qualified residents? Advertising requirements. Mr. Howard - lot of companies are very aggressive about getting the word out that they are available and looking to be involved in project.

Councilor Azer moved the request as presented for \$5.868 million, seconded by Councilor Clifton.

Councilor Fernandes - to Mr. Murphy, think that somewhere in process, keep track of what is happening with job in terms of number of local businesses and other things discussed this evening. Not requirement, just something to consider.

Vote 8-0.

Public Comments

None.

Town Manager's Report

A) Received formal certification for Free Cash for FY'15, \$739,320. This is third highest figure in last six years. Will be used to address snow and ice deficit. On related note, with free cash being less than hoped, will have to come up with plan to address snow and ice deficit. Approximately \$900,000 in deficit that have to determine how to address. Two possibilities - impacting reserves or stabilization, don't want to do, other option is amortization schedule, don't really want to do, but prefer to tapping reserves. If finances allow to pay off in year two, will prefer to do that, but year three is possible. Will be presented at next meeting.

B) TLA matter - Holbrook has received reconsideration from DEP. Simply means that DEP will consider subsequent information submitted to DEP, will be a 21 day comment period. Town will, of course, be publishing that info on comment period and contacts. Don't see much of anything changing from review already completed. Must be vigilant in opposition, but news stories are really just the processes that are allowed.

C) This Saturday is Harvest Hoopla at Powers Farm, 12-4. Range of activities will be offered.

D) Thank you to all involved in this past Saturday's activities - Household Hazardous Waste Day, RFD Open House, RHS Pool Open House.

E) Central Rock Gym - new business opening in Randolph, owned by three brothers opening their sixth gym, on High Street by Scanlon Drive. For all skill levels, exciting potential. Welcome them to Randolph.

Councilor Clifton - regarding TLA, position is that residents should wait until get signal to repeat letters to DEP? Very specific process TLA has to go through to open comment period, until that happens, DEP won't open comment period, no need to contact until then.

Councilor Adams - corner of Oak and Main/Chestnut and Main, left turn signals used to be sensor, no longer that way, can that be looked into? Also, on Cole Terrace, speaking to residents and they had received notice on cleaning and lining of pipes, repaving just done there two years ago, can that be looked into? Sometimes can be done with limited excavation, but will definitely look into that.

Councilor Meoni - kudos to Mr. Murphy and Recreation Department, got over to challenge course at Belcher Park, great elements, can't wait to have opportunity to use.

Old Business

SYS14-0291 Council Order 2015-023 FY'15 Snow and Ice Deficit

Mr. Murphy - in essence, this Order would transfer \$300,000 identified by the Finance Director as overlay surplus, Board of Assessors has approved transfer, ask to transfer to address snow and ice deficit.

Councilor Goldstein moved to take off table, seconded by Councilor Meoni. Vote 8-0.

Councilor Goldstein moved to refer Order 2015-023 to Finance, seconded by Councilor Adams. Councilor Goldstein - Mr. Murphy mentioned he will come up with plan to pay down, and to amortize portion. Would rather give to Finance Committee so they can see entire package and make decision on entire package.

Councilor Gilbert - to Mr. Murphy, is there a timeline you wanted to get going on this? If investigate for few more weeks, is that counterproductive to goal? Have to account before file recap sheet, that will include transfers and amortization schedule. Time frames upcoming. Not a matter of urgency to do this evening, work to present plan in short order so Council can understand plan to address snow and ice deficit.

Councilor Alexopoulos - when have to file recap sheet? Working on for next few weeks, filed by end of November at latest. Have to be done before tax classification? Related. When will tax classification hearing be? Plan to first present at first meeting in November. How long for approval of recap by DoR? Usually a week or so, but tax classification a week as well, have to plan for 2-3 weeks. Sure will be approved, not sure why can't vote tonight.

Councilor Azer - don't think necessarily needs to go to Finance Committee, can just keep at our level until rest of plan comes forward.

Vote 2-6 (Goldstein, Adams in affirmative). Motion failed.

Councilor Azer moved to table, seconded by Councilor Gilbert. Discussion on tabling versus not voting. Decided to not vote, will simply carry on to next agenda.

New Business

None.

Council Comments

Councilor Gilbert - very busy weekend in Town, over 400 cars through Hazardous Waste line, Garden Club sale, etc. Ropes course is quite a

place, agree with Councilor Meoni.

Councilor Meoni - this Thursday, 10/22/15, 7pm, Interfaith Council having Safety Meeting, discuss plans to keep churches safe. Town Hall, 7pm.
Next Monday, 10/26/15, Mass DoT holding a regional meeting at Braintree City Hall, 6-8pm. November 3rd, Election Day.

Adjournment

Councilor Goldstein made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm, seconded by Councilor Azer. Vote 8-0.