



Town of Randolph

Town Hall
41 South Main Street
Randolph, MA 02368

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Monday, December 7, 2015

7:00 PM

Chapin Hall
Town Hall, 2nd Floor

SYS14-0102 Upcoming Agendas

Call to Order - Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moment of Silent Prayer

Councilor Fernandes asked those in attendance to remember the victims of the most recent tragedy.

Announcement from Council President

None.

Motions, Orders, and Resolutions

The minutes did not attach properly, so Mrs. Keane will resend in preparation for the next meeting.

SYS14-0319 Minutes from the 10/19/15 Meeting

SYS14-0320 Minutes from the 11/9/15 Meeting

SYS14-0321 Minutes from the 11/23/15 Meeting

Public Comments

Mr. Joe Burke asked about the possibility of getting signage for crosswalks in North Randolph. Mr. Murphy - will be happy to look at that, have distributed those signs around Town, pedestrian safety campaign is ongoing - new crosswalks and high visibility signage, can look at the area Mr. Burke has brought up.

7:15 PM - Public Hearing

SYS14-0308 Council Order 2015-031 Library Renovation Allocation

Mrs. Keane read the legal notice into the record.

Meaghan Thompson, Library Director - along with Project Manager and Architects, worked hard to make library that would work for the community, as well as have all the necessary upgrades. Hope the Town Council will approve. Have made extensive plans to continue service during construction, will move to Shaws Plaza with most of the collection.

Mr. Murphy thanked the Council for their continued support for appropriating design money to get to this point, as well as Town and external staff who have gotten project to this point. Gets Library to front edge of 21st century, space and resources will really meet the needs of this community.

No members of the public spoke in favor of the Order.

No members of the public spoke in opposition to the Order.

Councilor Gilbert - agree with Mr. Murphy. As member of Trustees, know hard work that's gone into the planning of this project. Library hasn't had any upgrade for space needs since built in 1966. Will temporarily be in the space right next to Papa Gino's, open there on December 28.

Councilor Goldstein moved motion as read, seconded by Councilor Meoni.

Councilor Goldstein proposed an amendment so that the Order reads as follows:

<p>"That the Town Council hereby votes to appropriate Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for the purpose of construction, renovation, or reconstruction of a public library in the Town of Randolph, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"); and to meet the appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is hereby authorized: 1) to borrow \$2,150,000.00, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7 or any other applicable enabling authority; and 2) to transfer \$350,000 from the donation by the Trustees of the Turner Free Library to the Town for the purposes of the Project; and further that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend any federal aid, state aid or any gift from the Trustees of the Turner Free Library for the Project and take any action necessary to carry out the Project."</p>

Councilor Azer suggested taking first motion off and making this his motion. Attorney Griffin noted that due to the requirements of Bond Council, it's best to make as an amendment. Amendment motion seconded by Councilor Alexopoulos. Councilor Goldstein - same funds, same project, Trustees have offered to pay a portion and would like to see that memorialized.

Councilor Gilbert - what about other costs? \$200,000 previously authorized, thus not included tonight.

Vote 8-0 on amendment.

Vote 8-0 on main motion as amended, two-thirds majority achieved.

Town Manager's Report

A) Yard Waste pick up season. Monday and Tuesday pickups had pick up this past Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday pickups will be this Saturday.

B) Thank you to all involved with planning and execution of Winterfest this past weekend, including Marc Craig, Library Staff, Congregational Church, all others who participated, local businesses, community groups.

C) MLK Breakfast coming up, Monday, January 18th, will be held at Lombardos, 10am - 12:30.

Councilor Goldstein - appointments to Licensing Board? Suggested reappointing his two appointments, Mr. Okeke, Mrs. Williams. Attorney Griffin - did speak to Town Clerk about when current members appointed, all served approximately 2 years. Pleasure of Board whether wait until New Year or do now and treat as new board due to vote. Councilors agreed to wait until the first of the year.

Councilor Gilbert - anything being done for those that should have had leaf pickup last Friday but didn't put their bags out until now. DM - those that put out and it wasn't picked up should contact Board of Health. If didn't have done in time, can get permit to dump behind DPW.

Councilor Adams - from a resident on Center Street, concerned about speeding and recent accidents, can we look at getting a radar sign there? Thank you.

Old Business

SYS14-0304 Council Order 2015-029 Easement Agreement Relative to Construction of New Fire Station

Councilor Fernandes - sent back to Public Safety committee at the last meeting.

Councilor Adams - Public Safety Committee met last Wednesday, Councilors Adams and Clifton were present. Also present were Atty. Griffin, Mr. Murphy. Went back over Easement and MoU, came back with

unanimous recommendation on both of those with few minor amendments. Removed "billboard", eliminated the word "single", added in portion that nothing in agreement supersedes zoning bylaws. Page 5, removed "gross". Councilor Alexopoulos - met today with Attorney Griffin and Mr. Murphy regarding this matter, reviewed agreement, it's sound. Agree, remove "single" from section 4 to keep in line with rest of agreement. Good agreement for Town, good agreement for property owner. Councilor Alexopoulos moved to accept agreement, strike "single" in section 4, article A, as presented tonight. Councilor Gilbert seconded. Attorney Griffin noted that letter required by law of the Town Manager will be entered into record during correspondence.

Councilor Adams asked Counsel if the Easement Agreement requires a two-thirds vote, Attorney Griffin confirmed it does.

Vote 8-0, two-thirds majority was met.

SYS14-0305 Council Order 2015-030 Memorandum of Understanding Relative to New Fire Station

Councilor Adams - at Public Safety meeting discussed this as well, unanimously recommended that the Council approve as previously presented.

Councilor Goldstein moved to approved, seconded by Councilor Meoni. Vote 8-0.

SYS14-0315 "No Overnight Parking" Regulation

Will come back in January.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

From Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, beginning annual process of TIP planning for FY 2017 - 2021, request that contact information be updated if necessary.

Letter from Mr. Murphy pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 Section 15A - easements on Town-owned property are being relocated due to construction of new Fire Station.

Councilor Clifton - Town's initiative for DEP letters regarding TLA? Public Comment period has closed, DEP has until 12/27, Commissioner has

encouraged his staff to prepare and release information earlier. Very encouraged by work of Attys. Griffin and Deutsche, engineers at TetraTech, state delegation, input of community at large.

SYS14-0274 Correspondence

Committee Reports

Councilor Gilbert - as of 12/28, Library will be across the Street, will be there 8-10 months. Councilor Clifton - all services continue to be provided? Yes, some may be scaled down, but believe all available. Mr. Murphy - some programming in alternate locations as well, to take some pressure off of that location. Councilor Fernandes - how are we publicizing this? Blitz of information starting tomorrow, presumptuous to put out before tonight's vote.

Council Comments

Councilor Goldstein - today is 12/7, 74 years since bombing of Pearl Harbor, day to remember and honor those of Greatest Generation, have my greatest gratitude.

Councilor Clifton - last night, First Baptist Church held ordination service, congratulate Mr. Baphour who was ordained last night. Congrats to him, his wife and two sons on his ordination.

Councilor Meoni - 12/12 at 4:30, corner of N. Main and Reed, second annual tree lighting. At 7pm that same day, First Congregational Church Choir with several guest choirs doing Christmas Cantata and Stetson Hall, free concert.

Councilor Gilbert - Happy Hanukah. November 30th, ceremony at Horse Bridge, very nice ceremony. Great craft fair at Belcher House few weeks ago. Hollywell property, anything going on there? Mr. Murphy - met with folks who purchased building, set back by fire set on the property, getting right back at finishing the renovations. Possible to get in building for a walk-through? Believe so, may have to wait until repairs from fire are done. Also, climbing gym is great addition to Town.

Councilor Fernandes - Abby sent list of Council orders for this year, as of tonight, we have completed them all. Reminder, Joint Meeting next Tuesday, 12/15, 7pm. Believe School Committee is hosting, at their location.

Adjournment

Councilor Goldstein moved to adjourn at 7:55pm, seconded by Councilor Clifton. Vote 8-0.

