

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road at 7:00 PM by Julio J. DiGiando, Vice President. The following members were present:

William A. Kelly

Michael Schnack

Barbara A. Szepatowski

Town Council President David J. Long arrived at 7:30 PM
also present:

Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator

Arlene D. Petit, Town Clerk

Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

None

COUNCIL SITTING AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD

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None

CONSENT AGENDA

An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- 1) Adoption of Council minutes:
 - a) August 14, 2007 (regular session)
 - b) August 14, 2007 (executive session)
- 2) Bills and Payroll
- 3) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) Library Board of Trustees (06/05/2007)
 - b) Board of Canvassers (08/07/2007)
- 4) CRMC Notice
 - a) August 2007 amended calendar
 - b) Amended agenda 8/20/2007
- 5) DEM Notice re: Public Hearing: FY 2008 Project Priority List & FY 2008 Intended Use Plan
- 6) Statewide Planning Council notice re: Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 7) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

- 1) Town Administrator Report (verbal)

Harbor Boat

The Town Administrator reported that Professor Gregory will be conducting further testing on the cause of damage to the harbor boat. Professor Gregory will also be training individuals to continue the testing process. As results are known, the Town Administrator will report to the Council.

Town Hall

The Town Administrator noted that plans are being made for a plaque to be hung at the new town hall naming the contractor, architect, and Town Council. This plaque will also contain an inspirational message.

There was discussion relating to the possibility of the Town Administrator obtaining suggestions from the community on the message for the plaque. It was the consensus of the Council that the Town Administrator would solicit suggestions from the public and present them to the Council for selection.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Resolution No. 07-018 re: Special Financial Town Meeting on September 18, 2007 includes Warrant for the 9/18/2007 Special Financial Town Meeting; *if favorable, for adoption of the resolution to hold a special financial town meeting on September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and adoption of the warrant*

Because of on-going negotiations, it was the consensus of the Council to delay a decision on the warrant until a special meeting is held on either Thursday or Friday of this week.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1) Letter from R. Park Palmer, Jr., Esq. re: Notice of slip and fall accident on Narragansett Avenue

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the communication from R. Park Palmer, Jr., Esq. and to forward it to the Town Solicitor. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

- 2) Letter from Anita Girard re: Harbor Management Commission meeting on August 8, 2007

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor DiGiando to accept the letter from Anita Girard and to address this at the work session on September 6, 2007. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

- 3) Letter from Charlotte Zarlengo re: Harbor Management Commission meeting on August 8, 2007

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the letter from Charlotte Zarlengo and address the letter at the work session on September 6, 2007. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

- 4) Letter from Dr. Kristin Kennedy re: Harbor Management Commission meeting on August 8, 2007

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the letter from Dr. Kristin Kennedy and address the letter at the work session on September 6, 2007. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

- 5) Notification from Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau re: term expiration

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the notification of term expiration from the Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

It was the consensus of the Council to invite Donna Kohler, Jamestown representative to the Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau, to the next Council meeting to give a report to the Council on the previous year's events.

LICENSES & PERMITS

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OPEN FORUM

- 1) Scheduled request to address
 - a) Rep. Bruce Long – Legislative update

Representative Long gave a legislative update to the Council.

- 2) Non-scheduled request to address

Robert Dolan, Coronado Street, stated that he felt that the purchase of Taylor Point property should not be considered just before the referendum to site a highway facility at that location.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- 1) Tree Warden

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a) Appointment of Steven Saracino

The Town Administrator informed the Council that he, Michael Gray, and members of the Tree Committee have interviewed Mr. Saracino for the position of Tree Warden and were impressed with his knowledge and experience. Mr. Saracino will complete the requirements for certification as an arborist within the next few months and is qualified under State guidelines to be appointed at this time as the Tree Warden for the town of Jamestown.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to appoint Steven Saracino as Tree Warden for the term ending on January 1, 2008. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

2) Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department

a) Appointment of Paul B. Balzer, Jr., member

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to appoint Paul B. Balzer, Jr. to the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department Compensation Committee. So voted, with Council President Long being absent for the vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Letter from Bill Sprague re: Ambulance Barn (cont. from 08/14/2007)

The Town Administrator suggested that he sit with the Traffic Committee to revisit the issue of public parking at the ambulance barn to determine if there is a need to designate the area as parking for JEMS only.

The Council discussed the need for emergency service members to have access to the parking at the ambulance barn and the possibility of designating specific parking spaces to meet those needs, while allowing for any access spaces for the public.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Real estate (acquisition of property)

a) Proposed Purchase and Sales Agreement for property located at upper Taylor Point; *if favorable, authorize Town Council President Long to sign and forward to Chairman of the RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority for signature*

The Town Administrator reviewed conditions as stated in the proposed purchase and sales agreement for the property being purchased by the Town of Jamestown from the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for the construction of the highway facility.

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor DiGiando to authorize the Town Council President to sign the purchase and sales agreement between the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (seller) and the Town of Jamestown (buyer) for property located at upper Taylor Point and to forward the signed agreement to the Chairman of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for signature. It was voted, Councilor DiGiando, aye; Councilor Kelly, nay; Councilor Szepatowski, aye; Council President Long, aye. The motion passed with three in favor and one opposed.

- 2) Request to place Proclamation No. 07-019 re: recognition of Island Rubbish for their contributions to the recycling program on the September 10, 2007 Town Council Agenda (per Councilor Kelly)

Councilor Kelly noted that the Town has received a \$7,000 check from Rhode Island Resource Recovery for the Town's efforts in recycling. Councilor Kelly stated that receipt of these funds would not have been possible without the cooperation of Island Rubbish and the community.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor DiGiando to issue a proclamation recognizing the outstanding contributions made by Island Rubbish in meeting the Town's recycling goals at the September 10 Council meeting. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Request for Proclamation honoring Eagle Scout Zachary Robert Volpe and Eagle Scout Brian Kenneth Volpe (per Council President Long)

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Kelly to issue a proclamation honoring the accomplishments of Eagle Scout Zachary Robert Volpe and Eagle Scout Brian Kenneth Volpe at the September 10 Council meeting. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Notice of Town Council/ Harbor Commission work session on September 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

The Council reviewed the work session notice for the meeting with Harbor Commission. There was concern that the notice specifically mentioned subject matter to be discussed and as such, limited the extent to what could be accomplished. It was the consensus of the Council to amend the notice to allow for a broader discussion of items relating to the Harbor Commission issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk

c: Town Council Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Administrative Circulation