TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council Derry Municipal Center 14 Manning Street



MINUTES

Tuesday August 2, 2021 3rd Floor Meeting Room

6:30 PM Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (d)

7:00 PM Call to order

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee leave non-public session, seconded by Councilor Foote Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee to seal RSA 91A:3 II (d) because it was determined divulgence of this information would render a proposed action ineffective, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 (Councilor Chirichiello)

Pledge of Allegiance, warning of fire exits, handicap access, & turn off all cell phones

Roll Call: Councilors Chirichiello, Katsakiores, Foote, Wetherbee, Spencer, Bourdon(Video), and Chairman Morgan

Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

New Business

21-96 Resolution #2021-053 – Transfer Funds from the Department of Public Works into the Winter Maintenance Fund – *Town Administrator Dave Caron presenting*Due to staff turnover and the resulting temporary vacancies in FY21, the Town under expended the total amount of funds appropriated by the Council. There are sufficient funds to transfer to the various capital reserve funds as directed by the Council under a previous Resolution, therefore, a recommendation is being made to transfer a portion of the savings in the Winter Maintenance Fund. Historically, the Council has approved the transfer of some excess funds to the Winter Maintenance Funds, which provides the Department with capacity to address prolonged winter events. Without these funds, when faced with significant winter weather, the Department cannot implement other portions of its responsibilities, particularly the Road Maintenance Program, as funds are necessary for extraordinary winter maintenance expenses. Of the approximate \$1.6M unexpended appropriation (out of a \$50M+ budget), it is recommended that \$150,000 be transferred to the Winter Maintenance Fund to help defray future snow removal expenses.

Councilor Spencer MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2021-053 which reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 Resolution attached

21-97 Resolution #2021-054 – Adjust the FY22 Budget - *Town Administrator Dave Caron presenting*

The Town Charter anticipated circumstances whereby the budget would need to be adjusted after adoption due to a reduction in revenues. Town staff has been monitoring the budget and making monthly reports to the Town Council in anticipation of revenue reductions. The State Budget recently passed and signed into law by Governor Sununu includes a reduction in the Town's Highway Block Grant for FY22 in the amount of \$42,719. It is this amount which is recommended to be removed from the Highway Repairs and Maintenance line item for FY22. Passage of Resolution #2021-054 would reduce the Highway budget by \$42,719 to offset budget decisions from the State of New Hampshire for FY22, resulting in a revised approved FY22 Town Budget of \$51,681,581.

Councilor Wetherbee MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2021-054 which reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 Resolution attached

Councilor Spencer MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL declare an Emergency of Convenience, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

EOC Resolution #2021-055 – To Request the Governor and Council to Schedule a Special Election

Section 5.1 of the Town Charter vests in the Town Council the powers of the legislative and governing bodies; and the Governor and Executive Council, operating under the State Constitution, is empowered to schedule elections to fill vacant seats to the General Court; and the seat of one of Derry's ten representatives may be declared vacant by the Speaker of the House; and the citizens of Derry should be fully represented in the General Court through the current biennium; therefore the Town Council would like to petition the Governor and Executive Council to schedule an election to fill the seat vacated by Anne Copp in the event said seat is declared vacant.

Councilor Spencer MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2021-055 which reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores Roll Call Vote: 5-1-1 (Councilor Katsakiores, Chairman Morgan abstained) Resolution attached

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports -

Adjourn: 7:40pm

Town Clerk
Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

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