

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

April 29, 2014
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

Non-Public Session 91A:3 II (b)

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Fairbanks, Katsakiores, Dimmock, Bourdon and Chairman Osborne

Staff Present: Larry Budreau, George Sioras, Tom Carrier, Janice Mobsby, Chief Garone, Chief Klauber, Mike Fowler, David Gomez and Frank Childs

Old Business –

13-122 Search for new Town Administrator

Councilor Fischer outlined his suggested Selection Process & Timeline for the Town Administrator process for when all applications are received. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2014 (attachment).

Councilors had discussion & questions on the suggested outline and Councilor Fischer was thanked for his work on this.

Councilor Bourdon suggested that the ad be refreshed on the websites to bring back up to the top of the list. This could possibly bring in a few more candidates.

Motion by Chairman Osborne to accept Councilor Fischer's proposed timeline, seconded by Councilor Dimmock.

Vote: 7-0-0

Councilor Fairbanks moved to appoint Councilor Fischer as the Facilitator for the Town Council, seconded by Chairman Osborne.

Vote: 7-0-0

Councilor Fischer will meet with Larry and Sheila Bodenrader for the next steps in the process.

Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget & Capital Improvement Plan

Open Public Hearing Councilors Osborne/Katsakiores 7-0-0

Marc Flattes, Linlew Dr. – He believes there is a need for deeper cuts; Fire Department Overtime and the sign trailer. He questioned replacing the lawn mower for the Cemetery. Mr. Flattes also suggested increasing revenue from the Arts Council to help pay for the building improvements.

Candace Andrews, Scenic Drive and Trustee of Taylor Library - would like Derry to work on broadening the tax base. The two libraries do not have duplicate programs but have complimentary ones. They have a law firm pro bono looking into the building and land.

Kelly Martin, Bayberry Lane – she has watched many of the budget sessions and sees the process was difficult by looking at each department separately to look for tradeoffs. Economic development is critical to the future of Derry. It may come down to economic development vs cultural niceties. Derry isn't going forward.

Lynn Perkins, Woodland St – There was an unsuccessful attempt to cut the school budget. The Farmers Market was privatized and they are doing well. There is more money being taken from what we earn. It is time to meet these challenges. Although he respects Taylor Library, it is duplication and it serves a small proportion of the community. We need to find a way to transition this library over into privatization so that it can continue to serve the community. He sees the problem and disconnect between the Town and the deliberative school session where the school budget is the highest portion of the tax bill.

Dendra Abdinoor, Chester Road – commented on the statements made by this Council in regards to hiring the Town Administrator and referencing him as being a CEO and the town being corporations. She believes the Council is not being disciplined enough to make the necessary cuts for the town to survive. She equated the town as being amongst the businesses being bailed out on the blood, sweat and tears of the taxpayers.

Janet Fairbanks, Rose Ave - So far the budget has only been cut by \$55,000. Council needs to be fiscally responsible. She suggested deducting the amount of the increase for Veterans' Credit from the Taylor Library budget. Remove any proposed raises and the Transfer Station bond. It has been stated by some Councilors that they will not remove any employee positions from this budget. She has requested discussion on the Current Use penalties as a source of revenue and suggested Council look at the Cable franchise fee contract for its uses.

Elizabeth Ives, Field Rd, Derry Public Trustee – She feels culture is an essential service for the Town. She requested the Council give both Taylor & Derry Public Library Trustees some time to consider the effect of cutting of the whole service at Taylor and allow them to work through this summer to revise goals and objectives and ways to best serve everyone in the community.

Annette Stollier, Co-operative Alliance Region Transportation – Derry is the second largest user of this service and she wanted to thank the Council for letting them continue to serve the town.

Kim Burke, Buttonwood Dr – Gave her reasoning on why Taylor Library should stay opened. School libraries cannot be used by the public, preschoolers, homeschooled children or adults. There are many duplicated services within the town such as town beaches, playgrounds, and fire stations. There needs to be better management of the duplications.

Mary Hamblett, Beaver Lake Ave – asked how many Town Councilors had been in the Taylor Library. She echoed Elizabeth Ives suggestion to let both libraries work this through over the summer and come back next year with a plan.

Suzanne Mitchell, Cemetery Rd – Supports the Taylor Library. She is a teacher at the Nutfield School. She handed the Town Council pictures of her students who walk to the Taylor Library.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing Councilors Fairbanks/Katsakiores 7-0-0

Review of Flagged Items

Councilor Dimmock motioned to remove from the Cemetery account #690 Capital (Lawn Mower) in the amount of \$7,795, seconded by Councilor Bourdon.

There was discussion on the necessity of replacement of this lawn mower. Mr. Fowler explained that there may need to be repairs at a cost of \$2,713.00.

Councilor Fairbanks moved to increase Cemetery account #630 repairs and maintenance by \$2,000, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores.

**Vote: 2-5-0 (Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Bourdon, Dimmock and Osborne)
Motioned Failed**

Original Motion by Councilor Dimmock Vote: 7-0-0

Community Development

There was discussion on funding half of this budget, issues faced in not funding any part of this budget and where, if the new administrator wanted to fund this budget at a later date, the monies would come from and the understanding a supplemental appropriation.

Councilor Fischer moved to place a hiring freeze on any new positions until the new Town Administrator is hired and zero the Community Development budget, seconded by Councilor Cardon.

Discussion and a healthy debate continued on the necessity of this position and that it should be the new Town Administrator's decision to hire with a plan in place. Whether to fund the position partially or wait and do a supplemental appropriation and then figure out how to fund it.

Councilor Bourdon motioned to fund 2/3 of this budget in the approximate amount of \$75,000, seconded by Councilor Fairbanks.

Vote: 3-4-0 (Dimmock, Cardon, Osborne, Fischer) Motion Failed

On Original motion by Councilor Fischer

Vote: 4-3-0 (Councilors Fairbanks, Bourdon and Katsakiores)

Council discussion -

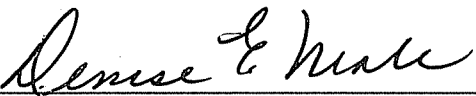
Councilor Bourdon wanted to discuss some of the issues that came up during the Public Hearing.

Councilor Fischer stated that the input from citizens should be carefully thought out before decisions are made.

Chairman Osborne stated that the Councilors email Mr. Childs and copy Chairman Osborne to itemize for discussion budget topics and a special meeting if necessary be held for this discussion.

Councilor Katsakiores asked for the dedication of the bridge on West Broadway be agendized for the next meeting.

Adjournment 9:30 p.m.



Town Clerk


5/6/14
Date

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