

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2000

5:30 P.M.

A special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 5:45 P.M. Councilors Brodinsky, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys and Zappala answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati. Councilor Centner was on vacation; Councilor Farrell was detained due to an unexpected maintenance problem at home; Councilor Vumbaco was also on vacation. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of a Pension Plan Tentative Agreement with AFSCME Co. 4 Local 1183, 1303-060, 1303-062, 1303-173, CSEA Local 760 and the Health Service Professional Association - Mayor

Mr. Parisi reminded the Council that no vote is, in essence, accepting the contract.

Terrence Sullivan, Personnel Director gave a brief overview of the plan. He pointed out that the agreement involves about 305 employees and is a ten year plan retro-active to February of 1999. The changes in the plan includes changing the normal retirement definition from age 62 and 15 years to 10 years of service, which is consistent with the movement we have made with other units of this kind. Along with that we have agreed to reduce the early retirement penalty by half; if you leave early, for every month you have left early, you lose .25% off the pension. That again, is consistent with what we have done with other units. The spouse definition includes language that indicates that if a spouse of an employee covered by this plan dies while in service with the Town and they are less than 50% financially-dependent on that employee, they would.....let me say that right; if they were more than 50% dependent upon their spouse for financial purposes, they would be covered. Again, we have been changing that language to be consistent with other contracts. What I like most about this contract is the limited changes in benefits and the cost to the Town; it is very, very minimal. We are saying it is about one-half of one percent of payroll and arbitrated pension awards have averaged 2 1/2 - 2.6%. It is also a ten year agreement, which is nice to lock it up for a period of time. Normally, we lock it up between seven and eight years.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked which unions are affected?

Mr. Sullivan explained, it affects five Board of Education unions and Local 1183 which is Public Works, clerical and Sewer unit on the Town's side.

Mr. Sheehan asked, with this agreement, will the Town have to make a contribution to the Pension Fund this year or are we going to get another free year?

Mr. Sullivan answered, this agreement does not change the funding very much. It is going to cost the Town some but we don't anticipate, at this time, a contribution to the Pension Plan.

Mr. Parisi asked what the Council's pleasure was? Did they want to vote or allow it to be?

Those Councilors present did not indicate a desire to vote.

Mr. Sullivan stated, as far as the forty-fourth day, by law, it becomes a contract if there is no vote.

Mr. Parisi asked, is it important for you (Mr. Sullivan) that we vote or not vote?

Mr. Sullivan answered, not at all.

No action taken.

ITEM #3 SET A PUBLIC HEARING for March 6, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$140,000 for the Design of a Senior Center and Authorizing the Issuance of \$140,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose (The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization therein by \$3,321,000 from \$140,000 to \$3,461,000 to provide for the construction of the senior center, and to ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and ordinances in connection therewith.)

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Centner, Farrell and Vumbaco were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Centner, Farrell & Vumbaco were absent; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Zandri
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Town Council Secretary

Approved:

Robert F. Parisi
Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

3-16-2000

Date

Rosemary A. Rascati

Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

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Date

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2000

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Correspondence
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#369-374) Totaling \$4,866.33 – Tax Collector
 - b. Consider and Approve Merit Increases (2) Approved by the Mayor
 - c. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor
 - d. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
 - e. Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with The Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc., Operator of the Meals on Wheels Program for a Term of One (1) Year Beginning 10/1/99 to 9/30/2000 - Program Planner
 - f. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 from Paving Acct. #001-2020-999-9908 to Painting Acct. #001-2020-999-9909 – Animal Control Officer
 - g. Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Workforce Investment Area Agreement Among the Towns of Bethany, Branford, Clinton, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, West Haven & Woodbridge to become Effective April 1, 2000

- h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$450 from Self-Insurance Claims Acct. #001-8030-800-8280 to Telephone Acct. #001-1320-201-2000 – Town Attorney
- i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-8035-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-8035-600-8290 – Personnel
- j. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$500 from From Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #001-6030-570-5200 to Overtime Acct. #001-6030-101-1400 – Town Clerk
- k. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the January 11, 2000 Special Town Council Meeting
- l. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the January 18, 2000 5:30 P.M. Special Town Council Meeting
- m. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the January 18, 2000 6:30 P.M. Special Town Council Meeting

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

6. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,337 from Continuing Education and Training Acct. #001-2035-501-5700 to Wage Differential Acct. #001-2035-101-1450 – Fire Prevention Bureau
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from Purchased Services – Consultant Acct. #001-7030-901-9032 to Meetings, Seminars & Dues Acct. #001-7030-701-7990 – Program Planner
8. Consider and Approve Accepting the Following Roads which have been Accepted By the Planning & Zoning Commission:
 - Stoneybrook Road – connecting E. Center to Williams
 - Amie Lane – cul-de-sac off of Stoneybrook
 - Atwater Place – off of Old Colony Rd. in Tracy
 - Barker Drive – cul-de-sac off of Atwater

9. Consider and Approve Renewal of the Personal Property Tax Incentive Program for a Two-Year Period Beginning February 22, 2000 to March 1, 2002 – Economic Development Commission
10. Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to the Town Council Meeting Procedures
11. Discussion and Possible Action Pursuant to Chapter XIV, Section 13 of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford, Regarding Electric Rates Approved by the Board of Public Utilities Commission as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky
12. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(2) and Section 1-200(6)(E) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining as Requested by Councilors Brodinsky, Papale, Vumbaco & Zappala
13. Discussion and Possible Action Arising Out of Subject Matter in Executive Session
14. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Real Estate – Mayor
15. Discussion and Possible Action Arising Out of Subject Matter in Executive Session