

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 15, 2013

FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:35 P.M. There was a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Rosemary Rascati, and Jason Zandri. Councilor John Sullivan was not present with an excused absence. Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi was not feeling well and was absent from the meeting. Also attending were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James M. Bowes.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Building Department

In attendance: Richard Boyne

There were no questions.

Law Department

In attendance: Janis M. Small, Corporation Counsel

Councilor Fishbein inquired about the Labor Relations Attorney line of the budget. Attorney Small said that this is an all-inclusive contract. She said they go out to bid about every five years.

There were no more questions

Animal Control

*In attendance: Lisa Seyler, Animal Control Officer
Dean Rizzo, Deputy Animal Control Officer*

Officer Seyler responded to a question with regard to the Personnel detail, stating that the increase is a contractual one.

No other questions were asked.

Town Clerk

In attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Clerk Thompson explained the cost of four (4) new computers. She responded to questions about the codification system and the computer indexing in the Clerk's Office, saying there has been an increase in activity that is reflected in the increase on invoices.

There were no other questions.

Registrars of Voters

*In attendance: Samuel Carmody, Registrar
Chester Miller, Registrar*

Mr. Miller responded to a question with respect to one handicap spot at E. C. Stevens School on the last voting day and that constituents would like to see more spots as this one was occupied all day by one car.

Veterans' Service Center

In attendance: George Messier, Veterans' Service Center Officer

There were no other questions.

Health Department

In attendance: Eloise Hazelwood, Health Department Director

Mrs. Hazelwood responded to a question from Councilor Fishbein about the increase in the budget line for 'Healthy Wallingford'. She said the Healthy Wallingford Program is part of the CDC 'Healthy People 2020'. She said that this year town has partnered with the Wallingford Family Y and the Board of Education to expand the 'Fit To Go Program' for tenth through eleventh grade students, an educational component concerning nutrition and proper exercise.

Mayor Dickinson added that this is a program that deals with the health issues of our youth, such as watching weight. This program between the Y and the town is an on-the-ground effort to accomplish something. There are referrals into the program, and the participants enjoy it and seem to benefit.

Mrs. Hazelwood stated that this is a key educational component concerning healthy lifestyle.

Mayor Dickinson said that Dr. (David) Katz , M.D. came to Wallingford a couple of times speaking about the issue of healthy living and in his words ‘you can debate about the Reform Act and the costs of health insurance but that by 2030 this country will not be able to afford what we are creating by poor living habits.’ According to Dr. Katz, it’s ‘forks, fingers and feet.’ Eighty percent of chronic disease would disappear, if people would not smoke,
eat properly and exercise.

Town Council

Sandy Weekes, Town Council Secretary, responded to inquiries with regard to the Maintenance line of the Council’s budget as well as specifics about the newly budgeted imaging machine.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT

MADE BY: Fishbein
SECONDED BY: Rascati
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date