

Council Minutes

April 22, 2020

A duly warned Special meeting of the Newport City Council was held remotely on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Attending by conference call or by video conference were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Daniel Ross, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau, and John Wilson, City Manager Laura Dolgin, members of the press and public.

Mayor Monette conducted a roll call and once all council members confirmed their attendance, he called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session to Consider a Separation Agreement, 1 VSA § 313 (a)(1)(A), (F)

Mr. Ross moved to enter executive session to consider whether to enter a contract because we find that premature general public knowledge of separation agreement negotiations between the City and an employee would place one or both at a substantial disadvantage. Ms. Pettersson seconded the motion. The Mayor conducted a roll call of council members and the motions was approved unanimously. Reporter Robin Smith questioned who else would be included in the executive session and the Mayor confirmed that the city attorney and city manager would attend. The council entered the Executive Session at 6:35.

Out of Executive Session at 7:39. Mr. Ross moved to approve the Separation Agreement with Seth DiSanto and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Ms. Pettersson seconded the motion. Public discussion over the release of the Separation Agreement ensued. The Mayor requested an executive session to consult with the city attorney.

Ms. Pettersson moved to enter an executive session to discuss the records being released to the public with the city attorney at 7:45 pm. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The Mayor conducted a roll call and the motion was unanimously approved.

Out of Executive session at 7:54. The City Attorney, John Klesch, from the firm of Stitzel Page and Fletcher, confirmed that this separation agreement is not final until 7 days for revocation have passed after the ratification and therefore would not be released at this time.

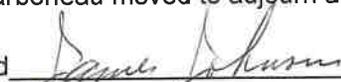
The Mayor then conducted a roll call of the council members on the pending motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

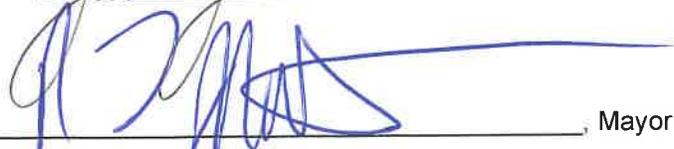
Consider Resignation of City Employee

Ms. Pettersson made a motion to accept the resignation of Chief DiSanto effective April 20, 2020, with Mr. Ross seconding the motion. The Mayor conducted a roll call of the council members and the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 8:19 with Mr. Wilson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attested  this 23rd day of April, 2020.

, Mayor