

Council Minutes

March 15, 2021

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A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held remotely. Participating in the meeting were Mayor Paul Monette, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, John Wilson, Kevin Charboneau and Chris Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Pw Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Zoning Admin Erik Voegtlin, Recreation Director Jessica Booth, Rebecca Therrien, Mike Welch, Rebecca Ellis, Rep. Peter Welch, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The American Recovery Act

U.S. Representative Peter Welch announced what the City would be receiving \$1.246 million dollars thru the American recovery Act passed by Congress. The City has until 2024 to spend the funds. The State will receive additional funds of which the City could apply.

RE-adopt Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure for 2021-22. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Vachon. Mr. Wilson noted that Mr. Ross was absent from that meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Election of Council President

Mr. Charboneau moved to elect Ms. Petterson Council president. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried. Mr. Wilson abstained.

Authorization to Sign Warrants

Mr. Charboneau moved to authorize the Mayor or the Council President to sign warrants. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

City Government Appointments

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Denis Chenette, Jean Condon, and John Ward Sr. to the Cemetery commission. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Jamie Comtois and Deb Smith to the Recreation Committee until 2023. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint John Monette and Amanda Chaput to the Planning Commission until 2024. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Petterson moved to appoint John Harlamert to the Development Review board until 2024. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Steve Edgerley, James Johnson, Tom Latta, and John Monette to the Harbor Commission until 2023. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint John Harlamert as Health officer. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint Robert Gosselin as Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint Paul Monette and Laura Dolgin, Representatives to NVDA. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint Paul Monette, representative to NVEDD. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to appoint John Harlamert, Building Safety Officer. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Resignation

Mr. Wilson moved to accept the resignation of Christopher Vachon from the Planning commission. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Rural Business Development Grant Application (attached)

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the RBD Grant application. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. Dolgin submitted the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan to the council for their review. The Planning Commission will also review the plan. Two Public Hearings will be held prior to the council's approval of the plan.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Ms. Pettersson moved to enter executive session for securing a real estate purchase or lease option. 1 VSA 313(a)(2). Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

Next Meeting Date

April 5, 2021

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Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Mayor