

**Town Council
Derry Municipal Center**

TOWN OF DERRY

Special Meeting

**June 11, 2012
Monday - 7:00 PM**

Call to order **7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance, Warning of Fire Exits, Handicap Access, Turn off all Cell Phones

Roll Call: Councilor Milz, Wetherbee, Fairbanks, Chirichiello, and Chairman Benson (Olbricht 7:05pm)

Public Hearing

12-65 Proposed Charter Amendments

Open Public Hearing 6-0-0

Rita Correria, Town Treasurer – Spoke in regards to the proposed change from an elected to appointed Town Treasurer. This is in Section 9.16 of the Town Charter change. Ms. Correria gave an overview of her duties. She supports the change.

Mr. Childs explained that currently as elected there is no training. It is very important that the Treasurer needs to have a qualified background.

Mr. Anderson stated the term would coincide with other appointed positions "until removed".

Close Public Hearing 7-0-0

Mr. Anderson reviewed for the Town Council each of the eleven Town Charter amendments.
(See attached list of Amendments)

The Town Councilors asked various questions regarding some of the amendments

Mr. Childs spoke on the differences between the NE CPI and National CPI

There was discussion on the schedule of voting these amendments. Schedule a meeting on next Monday or this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Councilor Katsakiores –Reminder that the PD & Senior Advisory Committee Blood Drive will be held at Promises to Keep on June 27th.

Low and Moderate income property applications must be in by June 30, 2012, available on the Town's website.


Councilor Olbricht asked for Update on Rte. 28 construction.

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of work.

Councilor Fairbanks thanked the anonymous woman who picked up the rail trail on Saturday.

Adjournment 8:34 p.m.


Town Clerk


Date

Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Economic Development Workshop

Mr. Anderson provided a memo on Current Economic Development Activities in the Town of Derry

1. Tlf will be completed earlier than anticipated.
 2. Rte. 28 Rockingham Rd Water/Sewer is in planning stages
 3. Transfer Station upgrade
 4. Downtown from Library to Londonderry.
- RSA79-E and considering RSA162G I through III
Concentrate efforts on Façade improvement program downtown
Working on a full inventory by Planning Department staff on downtown (parcels, ownership, tenants, rate vacancies)
Mr. Anderson also listed the success of the downtown area in recent timeframes.

Councilor Olbricht also provided a memo of Derry Economic Work update and goals.

The member of MDF agreed on three goals;
Finish North 28 Retail TIF successfully
Downtown Redevelopment
South Rte. 28 Commercial development
He listed three goals to implement:
Attract High Tech Business, community and downtown innovation center.
He supports development of a comprehensive plan to redevelop downtown.

Chairman Benson asked all Councilors their opinion of successful Economic Development for Derry short term and long term.

Councilor Milz - a successful Economic Development for the short or long term needs to have a comprehensive plan. The Derry Housing Authority should be involved they have Federal resources, independent local economic group and town. There should be a long term approach.

Councilor Wetherbee – first and foremost employment by high tech or manufacturing business in the downtown or outside of downtown is a key component. Marketing is another key. Need to look into quantifying high tech industry. What is the space availability?

Councilor Fairbanks – he's cognate of the spending the taxpayer's money and investing in it. Need to get inventory. Looking at different areas around town and what kind of businesses should be there

Councilor Katsakiores- Parking is an issue it needs to be resolved with more parking or a garage. Need to find the right thing to entice. The Cancer Center of American would be valuable and they are looking for a place in the northeast, 70% of their patients come from out of state.

Councilor Chirichiello – need to find why people would want to come to our downtown. Look at the surrounding areas of downtown. Surprised there aren't more Attorneys in the downtown. We need to find a way to keep young people in Derry when they finish school.

Chairman Benson - Need to complete the TIF, Revitalization of Crystal Ave, look at the development of underdeveloped properties over the past three years, struggles with Storefronts on Main St. He sat in on a meeting with the Concord Main St group she had a façade improvement plan where the taxpayers paid nothing. Where are moving forward with water and sewer to 28 south. Re-energize abandon downtown property. Get store fronts occupied need to get qualifications of downtown inventory. Town owned property needs to be redeveloped like the DiFeo Property. Hopefully someone will come in with an innovative RFP for this property. He would Mr. Anderson to come back with what the next steps are.

Councilor Milz stated the Rte. 28 TIF is a retail area, he doesn't believe the downtown area should be High Tech maybe turn 28S into High Tech area and develop an RFP.

Councilor Chirichiello we need to bring downtown an identity.

Chairman Benson wants to look at the next step and look at the inventory and plans and have a full understanding.

He would like to bring in the young lady from Concord Main St. to come in for a 45 minute presentation. Get a new Main St program

Move to return to Non-Public under RSA 91A:3 II (d) – Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee, seconded by Councilor Milz

Vote: 7-0-0