

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Letterie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	Present
Councilor Powers-	Absent
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael	Present
Vice President Varone-	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

President Gill called for a Moment of Silence for Marie Turner

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE EXPLORERS AND CITATIONS GIVEN

MINUTES

Councilor Varone made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 12, 2012

2nd. By Councilor Letterie.

Passed **7-0-1**

Councilor Powers Absent.

Councilor at Large Boncore abstained (absent July 12)

Councilor DelVento made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 17, 2012

2nd. By Councilor Letterie.

Passed **7-0-1**

Councilor Powers Absent.

Vice President Varone abstained (absent July 17).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Brandenstein of Trident Ave., has concerns about the recent Town Positions being vacated and the Ferry Building being closed. He would like Town Council to look into this.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Gill commented on receipt of MWRA annual payment. See details in Manager's report..

President Gill notified Council and Public of a Fundraiser to be held August 30, 2012 7-10 PM at the WYC. for the Johnson Family whose home was recently damaged by fire.

President Gill notified Council that there will be a "ten years of elective service" celebration being held August 15th for Councilor Calvin Brown of Chelsea Councilors are invited.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Clerk Committee – Councilor Delvento reports on meeting of July 26. At this time he is requesting a Council Meeting to make final decision on this position. He requests full input of all Council Members and would like to schedule a meeting within the next 90 days.

Council Casino Committee Councilor Mael announced next meeting Wednesday August 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM, Harvey Hearing room. He would like Public Input and Chamber of Commerce input. He wants to be sure that the meeting is posted on the town website. He has set up a Face Book Account for the Committee for the Public. Councilor Sanford has positive comments regarding the previous committee meeting.

Committee Openings: President Gill listed committee vacancies posted (scholarship committee will be added to the posting) Interested citizens are encouraged to apply

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (LEPC)
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP (MRC)
TREE COMMITTEE
WINTHROP COMMISSION OF DISABILITIES
PARKS COMMITTEE

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Of the seven positions currently posted, six have been filled by. Happy to report, mostly by Winthrop residents. The Collins Center has been hired to assist with the CFO position. Additional positions will be filled this summer.

Town has received the annual MWRA payment of \$734,212.12, an increase of \$5,917.57 (approximately \$8,000.00 more than the manager had budgeted)

Transportation bond bill has identified the Winthrop Street Corridor project (\$4,575,000) and Walk Winthrop project (\$475,000). Although identified, these projects require application for competitive grants.

Budget of Snap Shot “fiscal dashboard” as of 6-30-2012 (see attached) Town Manager projects free cash as of 6/30/12 to be certified at approximately \$250,000.00.

School Building Assistance Committee requesting supplementary appropriation (see agenda and “new business”)

Golf Course Lease (see agenda and “new business”)

Comments on Ferry Building: Town Managers Office has come to an agreement with the State. They will give the Town 60 days reprieve to comply with the elevation problem that has caused building to be closed down. State will lift Cease and Desist order as long as the work is promised to be done within the 60 days. Facilities manager Gerry Boyle gave a history of the project, the current issues of concern and an update on the current status of the project.

Town Manager Mckenna states a plan will be put together and proposed solution will then be sent to Disabilities Committee. Will contact Construction Company for Cost and get proposal for work to be done.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT CONTINUED

Town Manager McKenna is asking to Fund Landing Project for \$14,000.00.

Councilor at Large Boncore requests Cap of money needed for this work to be done.

After much discussion between the council and the manager Councilor Varone offers a motion

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to Finance Committee the source of funding for the \$14,000.00 to allow for redesign configuration of walkways at Harbor Building.

2nd. Councilor Sanford

Passed 7 yes -1 No (councilor Mael)

Councilor Powers Absent

Councilor Delvento will schedule and post a Finance Committee meeting for next week.

Chief Flanagan reports that Mosquito spraying completed for the town last Wednesday.

Chief Flanagan reports on "double pole situation". He is a waiting word from Verizon on the removal of the 7 top priority poles. All other company wires have been removed

E.B Newton Roofing Update: On time. Slight problem with grout color issue, has been corrected.

Councilor Letterie would like a re-design in the CFO's position to include the schools needs. Town manager says this is being considered

Councilor Mael requests vending machines at Landing. Town Manager is in agreement still looking for cost effective bidder. Town Manager also is looking into putting an ATM machine. Councilor Mael notes that ice should be sold, Town Manager McKenna agrees and will talk to Harbor Master. Discussion on "Yellow Boat" at the landing. Town Manager explains this was a gift to the Town so we have to keep it for 3 years. After that time will ask Harbor Committee for any ideas.

Councilor Letterie asks Town Manger McKenna if building will be opened Monday August 13, 2012, Manager sys he is told that the Town does have "verbal assurance" from the State but paperwork needs to be addressed.

Discussion on why this happened? Who is to blame? President Gill responds that at this point, problem needs to be fixed, can access blame later, if need be.

Councilor Varone has had requests from the Public on the progress of the Belle Isle Bridge. Town Manager McKenna reports it is progressing quickly and seems to be on time. Per DPW director Steve Calla, they are awaiting the installation of a gas main to be put across bridge as well as an open water main for both Winthrop and Boston. May of 2013 is target date for completion but be aware of the winter season approaching. A severe winter could delay target date.

Councilor Letterie has received questions from the Public regarding parking tickets given out at Landing. Who is issuing, etc? Per Chief Delehanty, the state dictates what can and cannot be done on landing. Where parking is etc... If the State issues tickets, the proceeds go to the state. If the town issues tickets, the proceeds go to Town.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: The Town Manager on behalf of the School Building Committee requests that the Town council provide a supplemental appropriation for the balance of funds necessary to complete the Feasibility Study and Architectural/Geotechnical Preliminary Design Services for the proposed High School and Middle School Study.(see Town Manager's report).

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer to the Finance Committee to discuss the remaining balance of previously authorized amount from the Town Council for the Feasibility Study of the School Building Committee and to recommend to the Town Council an appropriation and funding source.

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Motion passes 7-1-0

Councilor Mael Abstains

Councilor Powers Absent

Item B: The Town Manager requests the Town Council create an ad hoc task force for review of the golf course lease renewal. The purpose of this committee would be to solicit public input for the upcoming lease renewal (April 2013). (see manager's report)

Town Manager McKenna would like to form a committee for the Golf Course for the purpose of discussion of the Golf Course Lease Councilor DelVento comments that Town Manager has the authority to negotiate the new lease and establish an ad hoc committee if he wishes. Manager requests committee nomination. Town Manager McKenna wants guidance from the committee to be formed. Councilor Calla nominates Council DelVento who agrees to serve as council representative on the ad hoc committee on new Golf Course Lease. Town Manager will grant a one-year extension to the current lease.

Item C: The Town Manager requests the Town Council transfer funds from the Town's Debt Service Budget and Council Special Reserve Account to fund the balance of expense for procurement of a "VOIP" phone service and telecommunications equipment for the Town departments. (See manager's report) Town Manager withdraws this item until he presents further information for discussion.

Councilor Mael makes a motion that the Council create a Technology Advisory Committee to advise the Town on matters pertaining to the Technology Infrastructure of the Town. This would include the hardware and software currently in place. The committee would be comprised of 5 members from the community. They should currently hold positions in technology positions. There will be a Council Member as a liaison to the Town Council.

The Committee will be specifically charged with creating a report on the current state of the Town's Technology Infrastructure within 9 months of their creation. They will continue to develop a technology strategy road map and advice the Council and Town Manager on developing a clear technology strategy for the Town.

2nd by Councilor Varone for the purpose of discussion

Motion by Councilor Delvento to refer to Rules and Ordinances

2nd. by Councilor Sanford

Motion Passes Unanimously

APPOINTMENTS

Council President Gill re-appoints Beth Herbert to the Cultural Council. Term Expires June 30, 2015

Motion by Councilor Letterie to approve appointment effective immediately

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passes unanimously

Due to the passing of Marie Turner, there is a position available on the MWRA-BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Interested parties are encouraged to apply. Applications are on the town website to be submitted to the town clerk no later than August 20, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Gill wishes to thank Jim Soper for a job well done as Winthrop's Building Commissioner and to offer best wishes in his new position as Building Commissioner for the City of Everett.

Reminder by Councilor Boncore that all motion inserts are suppose to be submitted in writing by the Thursday preceding the Tuesday council meeting at which they will be presented; President Gill assures the council that Rule 2 (b) passed 9/20/2011 will be strictly adhered to.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Letterie

2nd. by Councilor DelVento

Motion Passes Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 PM

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT

Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office.

Documents Used in this Meeting:

Hand Written Notes

Preliminary Town of Winthrop Snap Shot Budget as of June 30, 2012

Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions and Email Motion

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Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist

