

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2012

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DelVento led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Councilor DelVento made a motion to accept the Executive Session of September 18, 2012.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Councilor DelVento made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 2, 2012.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilor President Gill acknowledges notification from City of Revere of an Economic Development Summit on October 26, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Councilor DelVento reports on Finance Meeting last week

3 Items on Agenda:

Auditor RFP- Developed matrix to evaluate RFP. Will meet soon to make recommendation

Town Clerk- Town Clerk Review, committee agreed that Councilor DelVento will work on this review and report to Committee on Committees for approval. (see attached)

Town Clerk- Discussion Town Clerk Salary (\$69,400) Motion held for New Business

Casino Committee: Council Powers reports a Presentation by Casino proponents potential development of casino's on November 15, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Will notify public.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Planning board has approved Hospital Project. Good investment for our town.

Will be attending Economic Development Summit in Revere. We need to be vigilant on how to encourage commercial development into our town.

Met with engineers on Beach Project and discussed concerns on impact of trucking of sand and how this will affect community. Crest Ave. will be impacted and will work with neighborhood and how to manage parking. DCR are sympathetic and considering opening up storefront/outpost on Crest Ave. where people can address their issues. Will keep council abreast of further meetings.

Making progress with final resolution with Ferry Terminal Building. Meeting last week at building. There is a solution being worked out, should have answers within next 30 days.

Wants Joe Domelowicz talk about Green Communities Grant Application that is ready to be sent to the Department of Energy. Submitted Motion to council for consideration. If awarded can get \$150-\$175 thousand granted to our town for community going green.

Joe Domelowicz proceeds to explain the plusses for the community going ahead with this grant application.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor DelVento for Town Clerk Salary of \$69,400.00 (See Attached Motion)

No 2nd. Needed coming from Finance Committee

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to waive council rule 2b (motion turned in late)

2nd. by Councilor Boncore

Council President Gill urges councilors adhere to the Rule 2b where possible.

Motion by Vice President Varone to Amend Main Motion (above) would like to raise Town Clerk Salary from \$69,400.00 to \$71,400.00.

2nd. by Councilor DelVento

Discussion: Vice President Varone feels increase necessary since we have lost several valuable employees. Councilor DelVento reads Town Clerk Salaries of other communities as comparison to salary.

Councilor Mael – At committee meeting a tense discussion of not paying as high as other communities but based on amount on money that has been applied in the past, a decision of \$68,584.00 was made at first then decided to raise to \$69,400.00 also discussion that increase would apply now but since a re-review in March was to be done any further increased to should be discussed as there are incoming obligations attached to this position. Does not agree with going to the level of \$71,400.00 as we should wait and see how new skills are being adapted to.

Councilor Calla- She would like Amendment to also include where funds are coming from?

Town Manager agrees that in order to put this salary increase into effect now we have to identify a source of where funds will be drawn.

We need to make motion where funds will be drawn.

When will this salary increase take effect? Retro active to July of this fiscal year or not.

We need motion to know all these answers.

Council President reiterates that Amendment should be made and state where funds coming from and then after that make a transfer. Also add whether it is retroactive.

Councilor Powers- Do we need to have an exact figure as to how much money we are transferring?

Councilor Mael-Are we now introducing retroactive? Council President: No, not yet

Town Manager-Be specific resource funds are from Town Council Reserve Fund

Vice President Varone moves to amend the original motion from the Finance Committee (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor DelVento

Discussion: Councilor Mael asks how much is in Council Reserve? Town Manager McKenna states approx. \$140,000.

Councilor DelVento- 3 positions that the Council itself sets salary on. It should be done annually and it has not been done for 5 years. Wants Council to step up and do on a periodic basis.

Council President states with Councilor DelVento that this has been addressed by a recent change in council rules.

Councilor Letterie-Agrees, but salary from 5 years ago is still up 5.9%. If this amendment passes it will be an additional 11% on top of the 5.95

Councilor Mael- Recommends going back to original motion.

Vice President Varone-Agree, take personality out. What if Town Clerk seeks employment elsewhere we would then have to offer the new Town Clerk the same salary.

Councilor DelVento-Positions has gotten increased but it is still bringing them up to standards. We need to start looking at the position. Duties have been added. We need a pay scale to keep our personnel.

Motion to move the question by Councilor Boncore, Councilor President Gill reads Amendment
(See Attached)

No Further Discussion

Passed 7-0-2 (Councilor Mael and Letterie)

Councilor President Gill reads on the Main Motion as Amended (See Attached)

No Further Discussion

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Town Manager Annual Review- Councilor Letterie reports all reviews received. Did compilation and reviews sent to Town Manager. Had meeting with Town Manager. Evaluation similar to last year. Graded on scale 1-5, more often scores 3+, only a couple below. Council wants CFO in place immediately and realizes this puts strain on Town Manager but we are hoping for a January CFO in place.

Town Manager appreciates council input with reviews of his position. Very grateful for position.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to move that the Winthrop Town Council vote to support and endorse the Energy Reduction Plan (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Powers

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

No Further Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

President Gill notes that council cannot meet on Election Day November 6, 2012.

Motion by Councilor Letterie waives Rule 2a and not have the meeting on November 6, 2012, continue with the meeting on November 20, 2012.

2nd. by Councilor DelVento

Discussion: Councilor Powers questions if one meeting is enough time for the November business.

Council President Gill states if more time is needed, a meeting will be scheduled for November 27th, 2012.

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS by President Gill (In recognition of Rule 9c)

Motion by Councilor DelVento to approve appointments on the Memorial Committee (See Attached)

2nd by Councilor Powers

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie to approve appointments on the Winthrop Cultural Council (See Attached)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Citations:

Chris Donnelly-George Washington Honor Medal – November 3, 2012

Dick Dimes-Dedicated of DPW Building – November 3, 2012

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winthrop High School-October 31, 2012 Abigail Adams Scholarship awards will be given.

Council President would like to compliment the program sponsored by the Speaker of the House, Senator Petruccelli and AT&T on texting.

Council President Gill would like to thank Councilor Letterie for his help with the hospital project.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Letterie

2nd. by Councilor DelVento

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 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

Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motions

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist



TOWN of WINTHROP

MOTION

Submitted By: Council Finance Committee Date: October 19, 2012

Article Number: _____ Subject: Town Clerk Salary per Charter Sec 2-8(e)

TEXT of MOTION

That the Town Council set the FY 2013 salary of \$69,400 for the Town Clerk as per Section 2-8 (e) of the Winthrop Town Charter.

Signature of Petitioner: Nicholas DelVento, Finance Com. Chair (filed electronically)

Received by: _____ Time: _____



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AMENDMENT

Submitted By: Council Finance Committee

Date: October 23, 2012

Article Number: _____ Subject: Town Clerk Salary per Charter Sec 2-8 (e)

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

That the Town Council Amend to set for the FY 2013 salary of at \$71,400 for the Town Clerk as per Section 2-8(e) of the Winthrop Town Charter. Funds to be transferred from the Council Reserve and directed by the Town Manager to transfer said funds.



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MOTION AS AMENDED

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TOWN CLERK
WINTHROP, MASS

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 10/11/12

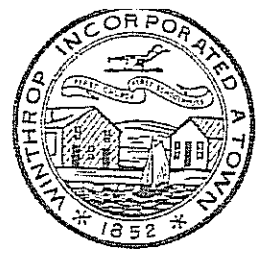
TEXT OF MOTION

I move that the Winthrop Town Council vote to support and endorse the proposed Energy Reduction Plan as presented, consistent with the Town's Green Communities Grant application or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk Signature: _____

Vote: _____

Date: _____



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152

Appointments (Reappointments) October 23, 2012

Memorials Committee – to conform with staggered terms (rule 9c)

Term Expires

Larry Holmes, Veterans Agent, Chairman	June 30, 2013
Richard Ferrino, Member of Historical Commission	June 30, 2014
Paul Flanagan, Public Safety experience	June 30, 2014
Richard Honan, Citizen	June 30, 2015
Mary Lou Osborne, Citizen	June 30, 2015

Winthrop Cultural Council

Carolyn M. Nickerson	June 30, 2014
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