

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - VERSION 1

November 10, 2014

7:15PM

Public Hearing - Fiscal 2015 Tax Classification Hearing

At 7:15pm President O'Brien opened the public hearing. The City Clerk called the roll, 11 present. The City Clerk read the notice of public hearing. Assessor Dan Raycroft spoke to Council on Tax Classification and Sudbury decision and provided two handouts, FY2015 Parcel Count by Class and a Shift Analysis (proposed tax rate). President O'Brien asked for those in favor. Kim Gobbi from the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of a single tax rate. No one spoke against. Roll call vote to close the public hearing at 7:24pm, 11 yes. So voted.

7:30PM

Council President O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A moment of silence was held for David Mountain, former Newbury Selectman who worked jointly on the Plum Island Water and Sewer project and worked with the City to find alternate water sources. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He then instructed the City Clerk to call the roll. The following Councillors answered present: Cameron, Connell, Cronin, Eigerman, Giunta, Heartquist, Herzog, Kinsey, Tontar, Vogel, O'Brien. 11 present.

LATE FILES – Transfer #2 and Communication #2 Mayor's Update, Communications #3 and #4

Motion to waive the rules and allow late files by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michael Traister	327 Merrimac St.	Police Appointment
2. Kim Gobbi	6 Olive St.	Single Tax
3. Teri Smith	59 Cedar St. Amesbury	Police Appointment
4. David Vine	47 Marlboro St.	Conservation Appointment

MAYOR'S COMMENT – The Mayor gave a brief update.

CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2014

(Approved)

2. TRANSFERS

1. DPS Highway RSV App DPW Gas to DPS Highway Fuel & Oil \$150,000

(Approved)

3. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Chamber of Commerce regarding tax rate

(R&F)

4. APPOINTMENTS – First Reading

APPOINTMENTS

1. David B. Vine 47 Marlboro St.

Conservation Commission

May 31, 2016

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Kinsey. So voted.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. TRANSFER

2. LATE FILE Gen'l Fd Free Cash \$332,237 to Gen'l Fd Budget Reserve (reduce tax rate)

Councillor Herzog asked why it was necessary to raise the tax rate. Councillor Tontar responded to the question. Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Connell. 10 yes, 1 no (Herzog).

6. COMMUNICATIONS

2. LATE FILE Mayor's Update

Motion to receive and file by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Kinsey. So voted.

3. LATE FILE Letter from Hope Church regarding Master Box fee

Sponsored by Council President O'Brien. Motion to refer to Budget & Finance by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Herzog. So voted.

4. LATE FILE Letter for Ladies Night Out Road Race Dec. 13, 2014

Motion to refer to Public Safety by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Giunta. So voted.

7. APPOINTMENTS Second Reading -

APPOINTMENTS

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| 2. Michael Traister | 327 Merrimac Street | Police Officer |
| 3. Matthew J. Whitty | 1 Parish Rd, Georgetown | Special Police Officer |
| 4. Tori M. Smith | 10 Milk St. #1 | Special Police Officer |
| 5. Ryan Cutter | 17 Rawson Avenue | Special Police Officer |

Motion to approve second reading concurrently by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote, 11 yes. So voted.

6. ORDERS

1. Tax Classification

Motion to amend by removing "and the setting of a (blank) Tax Rate)" and inserting "for" before FY2015 by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Kinsey. So voted. Motion to approve with Residential Factor "1" by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote, 11 yes. So voted.

2. Tax Rate FY2015

Motion to approve tax rate of \$13.34 by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Giunta. Roll call vote, 10 yes, 1 no (Herzog). So voted.

7. ORDINANCES

1. Amend ORD 13-174 State Street Resident Parking

Motion to refer to Public Safety by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted.

8. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

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| 1. Mayor letter regarding Order for Revolving Fund Expenses | *03/17/2014 |
| 2. Order Amend Revolving Fund expenses | *03/17/2014 |
| 3. Order Home Rule Petition- supplementing education budget (COTW) | *05/12/2014 |
| 4. Amend ORD Ch. 2 Section 2-45 City Council Salary | *05/12/2014 |
| 5. Amend ORD Ch. 2 Section 2-61A School Committee Salary | *05/12/2014 |
| 6. Human Resources Dependent Audit | *06/30/2014 |
| 7. Transfer Mayor PdPkg Rev to Inn St Rest Proj (\$325,000), to Pkg Rev Coll (\$40,000) | *10/27/2014 |

Motion to remove by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, Seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted.

General Government

Joint Education

In Committee:

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| 1. Order Home Rule Petition- supplementing education budget (COTW) | *05/12/2014 |
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License & Permits

In Committee:

1. Movable Sign Application Newburyport Brewing Company *02/10/2014
2. Amend ORD Sec. 9-114 Transient Vendors Restricted Areas *04/28/2014
3. Letter regarding transient vendor licensing *06/30/2014

Neighborhoods and City Services

Planning & Development

Councillor Cameron stated there would be a meeting regarding the Back Bay Neighborhood Dec. 3, 2014.

In Committee:

1. Letter from Newburyport Preservation Trust *03/31/2014
2. Amend ORD Zoning Change, R3 Zone to R2 Zone - Back Bay Neighborhood *09/29/2014
3. Order Proposed vote of Discontinuance of Barker St. *10/14/2014

Public Safety

In Committee:

1. Multiple Sclerosis Soc. 2015 Walk, April 11, 2015 *10/14/2014
2. Amend ORD 13- 179 Handicap Space Emma Andrews Library *10/27/2014

Public Utilities Committee

In Committee:

1. Letter from Daniel Eyink, MD regarding water fluoridation *05/27/2014

Rules Committee

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councillor Herzog said that due to Veteran's Day, the Department of the Interior will open all parks for free.

Councillor Cronin said Happy 237th birthday to the Marine Corp.

Councillor Kinsey said that the cheerleading squad is going to Disney World

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Tontar moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cameron at 8:10 pm. So voted.