

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

PRESENT: Calouro, Parella, Teixeira, Sweeney, and Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

The Council met in special session on Wednesday evening, February 15, 2023, in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:00 PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

1. Rebecca Ernst, Pivotal Brewing Company, 500 Wood Street, Unit 111, - Request for dancing and Entertainment License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes; with a six month review

2. Mark G. Papi, Six Pack Brewing, 87-1 Gooding Avenue - Request for a Dancing & Entertainment License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes; with a six-month review

3. Kevin J. Amaral, Vigilant Brewing Co., 44 Ballou Blvd - Request for a Dancing and entertainment License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to

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conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes; with a six-month review

4. Five-Year Capital Plan

It is hereby noted for the record that no action was taken on this agenda item.

Town Administrator Contente provided a brief overview of the town's projects noting that some projects have been shifted to FY 2025 due to monetary restrictions. He explained the town's recent ability to increase capital project cash payments that aid the \$1.7 million in road paving projects. He further explained that the cash payments reduced the towns need to finance.

Town Administrator Contente noted that the capital budget presented gives the town the ability to plan and manage its long-term investments in assets such as property, equipment, and grounds as well as evaluating and considering the towns strategic objective and financial constraints.

Town Planner Tanner provided an overview of the Community Development capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Silver Creek East branch channel restoration project- Leila Jean
- Silver Creek watershed drainage improvements- Chestnut/Naomi
- Drainage improvements- Fox Hill Cole St.
- Burnside Street usability study design
- Lisa Lane open space improvements (clearing/fencing)
- Independence Park parking lot improvements (614k est. project cost, \$153K est. grant match)
- Leahy Pond Design
- End of road retrofits/shoreline access-Sherman, Narrows, Annawamscutt, Portside
- End of road public access-Fales, Gibson
- Wally beach
- State Street reservoir drainage improvements

Director of Public Works Parella provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Completion of building renovations
- Road reconstruction & repaving
- Tree Truck

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- Chipper
- Medium duty shop truck
- Tanyard Brook project phase III
- Sidewalks: Perry/Monroe, Hope, Central

Police Chief Lynch provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Mobil Command Center
- Site Repeater
- Greenhouse property environmental site pan
- Police Station Feasibility Study/Design

Harbor Master Marsili provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- State Street & Independence Park Boat Ramp (\$500K total project cost, \$300K on hand)
- FY24 Harbor boat engine replacement
- Marina fuel station
- Marina expansion

Fire Chief DeMello provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Rescue 4 (2016 replacement)
- EKG monitor
- Mechanical CPR Device
- Engine 4 (2001 replacement-ORDERED)

Library Director Jenkins provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Roof Repairs (\$139K total est. project cost, \$67K grant funded)
- Library-HVAC replacement
- Library-Herrshoff room technology upgrade
- Library-Lighting Upgrades in Mausoleum

Director of Parks and Recreation Rensehausen provided an overview of the department's capital projects report and status report of the follow projects:

- Quinta Gamelin HVAC in gymnasium
- Town Beach Playground Upgrade
- Town Beach restroom flooring
- Asylum Road lighting
- Paw Park
- Wally School Senior Center
- Golf Course drainage project
- Pickleball fencing

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- Parks/Rec-Lisa Lane Park Improvements
- Community Center - flooring and lighting update needs
- Rockwell Park Playground Renovations/Improvements
- Splash Pad at Rec Center
- Town Beach Performance Space Implementation

Discussions ensued with regarding the potential use of Gooding Avenue Sales funds to prioritize any needed town projects.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Ley, seconded by Councilman Sweeney and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Melissa Cordeiro

Council Clerk