

TWENTY-SIXTH REORGANIZATION MEETING-
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

PRESENT: Teixeira, Parella, Calouro, Sweeney and Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor
Andy Teitz, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor

1. CALL TO ORDER - TOWN CLERK

The Council met in regular session for the purposes of its Twenty-Six Reorganizational Meeting on Wednesday evening, December 7, 2022, in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 PM Town Clerk Cordeiro presiding:

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk led the assembly in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Clerk Cordeiro congratulated the re-elected Council members and Town Administrator and wished them all another successful term.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Town Clerk Cordeiro called for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Councilman Sweeney nominated Councilman Calouro.

There were no counter-nominations.

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Councilman Calouro to serve as Chairman for the ensuing term.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Council Chairman Calouro now presiding over the meeting, called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

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Councilman Teixeira nominated Councilwoman Parella.

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Councilwoman Parella to serve as Vice Chairwoman for the ensuing term.

*Add this point in the meeting the Town Administrator, Town Clerk and each member of the council gave brief inaugural remarks.

5. RESOLUTION - MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 thru 2024

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to adopt the meeting schedule for 2022-2024, as amended.

Prior to the vote, Clerk Cordeiro noted two amended dates, as shown by an asterisk, that the meeting of December 28, 2022, would be modified to December 21, 2022, and October 25, 2023, be modified to November 1, 2023, due to conflicting schedules with some councilmembers. The Council, by consensus, agreed.

Resolved: That the Town Council Schedule for 2022-2024 shall be as follows:

The number in parentheses () is the interval of weeks between Regular Council meetings.

~~*December 28, 2022 (3)~~ **December 21, 2022 (2)**

January 18, 2023 ~~*(3)~~ (4)

February 8, 2023 (3)

March 1, 2023 (3)

March 20, 21, 22, 23, 27 – Budget Workshops

March 29, 2023 (4) & Vote on Provisional Budget

April 17, 2023 – Public Hearing on the Budget

April 19, 2023 (3)

May 1, 2023 – Final Budget Adoption

May 10, 2023 (3)

May 31, 2023 (3)

June 21, 2023 (3)

July 12, 2023 (3)

August 2, 2023 (3)

August 23, 2023 (3)

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September 13, 2023 (3)
October 4, 2023 (3)
~~*October 25, 2023 (3)~~ **November 1, 2023 (4)**
~~*November 15, 2023 (3)~~ (2)
December 6, 2023 (3)
December 27, 2023 (3)

January 17, 2024 (3)
February 7, 2024 (3)
February 28, 2024 (3)
March 18, 19, 20, 22, 25 – Budget Workshops
March 27, 2024 (4) & Vote on Provisional Budget
April 15, 2024 – Public Hearing on Budget
April 17, 2024 (3)
April 29, 2024 – Final Budget Adoption
May 8, 2024 (3)
May 29, 2024 (3)
June 19, 2024 (3)
July 10, 2024 (3)
July 31, 2024 (3)
August 21, 2024 (3)
September 18, 2024 (4)
October 9, 2024 (3)
October 30, 2024 (3)
November 20, 2024 (3)
December 4, 2024 (2) Twenty-Seventh Reorganizational Meeting

6. APPOINTMENT - TOWN SOLICITOR AND COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICES

- a. Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Ursillo, Teitz & Rich,
Ltd. - Interest/Reappointment

Council Chairman Calouro called for nominations for the office
of Town Solicitor.

Councilman Sweeney nominated the firm of Ursillo, Teitz, and
Ritch, Ltd. for reappointment.

There were no further nominations.

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to
close nominations and to instruct the
Clerk to cast one ballot for the firm

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of Ursillo, Teitz, and Ritch, Ltd., to serve for the ensuing term with Mr. Ursillo holding the title of Town Solicitor and his various associates holding the title of Assistant Town Solicitor; and compensation as previously set forth.

7. APPOINTMENT - PROBATE JUDGE AND COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

a. Richard B. Abilheira - Interest/Reappointment

Councilman Teixeira nominated Mr. Richard Abilheira for reappointment.

There were no further nominations.

Teixeira/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Abilheira, to serve for the ensuing term; and compensation as previously set forth.

8. APPOINTMENTS - MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES(S) AND MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF AND COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

a. Jane F. Howlett, Esq. - Interest/Reappointment, Municipal Court Judge

b. Paul Silva, Esq. - Interest/Reappointment - Municipal Court Associate Judge

c. Dean G. Robinson, Esq -Interest/Appointment- Municipal Court Associate Judge

d. John Ferreira - Interest/Reappointment, Municipal Court Bailiff

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Councilman Teixeira nominated Ms. Jane Howlett for Municipal Court Judge, Mr. Paul Silva for Associate Municipal Court Judge, and Mr. John Ferreira for Municipal Court Bailiff.

There were no further nominations.

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Ms. Howlett, Mr. Silva, and Mr. Ferreira, to serve in their respective positions as noted above for the ensuing terms; and compensation as previously set forth.

Council Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira thanked Dean G. Robinson, Esq. for applying to the position and showing an interest.

9. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SERGEANT AND COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

a. Archie Martins - Interest/Reappointment

Councilman Sweeney nominated Mr. Archie Martins for reappointment.

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Martins, to serve for the ensuing term; and compensation as previously set forth.

10. APPOINTMENTS - TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS BY TOWN COUCIL CHAIRMAN

Council Chairman Calouro stated that he would like to continue with the same liaisons as previously appointed and asked if Council members had any requests or suggestions for changes. Hearing none, Council Chairman asked for the pleasure of the Council.

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Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to
ratify the List of Town Council
Liaisons for 2022-2024 as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Council Members</u>
a. Police Department	Council Chairman Calouro
b. Department of Public Works	Council Chairman Calouro
c. Finance/Assessor	Councilman Teixeira
d. Fire Department	Councilman Sweeney
e. Recreation/Human Services	Councilman Sweeney
f. Roger Williams University	Councilman Ley
g. Town Solicitor	N/A
h. Water Pollution Control	Councilman Ley
i. Rogers Free Library	Councilwoman Parella
j. Business Development	Councilman Teixeira
k. Community Development/Building	Councilwoman Parella
l. Harbor	Councilman Sweeney
m. Bristol/Warren Regional Schools	Councilman Ley
n. Fourth of July	Council Chairman Calouro
o. Christmas Festival	Councilman Sweeney
p. Boards and Commissions	Councilman Teixeira
q. Elderly Housing	Councilman Ley and Councilman Teixeira
r. East Bay CDC	Councilwoman Parella
s. State Of Rhode Island	Council Chairman Calouro
t. Linden Place	Councilwoman Parella
u. Substance Abuse Coalition	Councilwoman Parella
v. Bristol County Water Authority	Councilman Ley
w. Blithewold	Councilman Teixeira
x. Mount Hope Farm	Council Chairman Calouro
y. Bristol Merchants Association	Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Sweeney
z. Explore Bristol	Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Sweeney
aa. Coggeshall Farm Museum	Councilman Ley

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11. Director Williamson re request for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) - Sale of Real Property formerly known as the Oliver School-151 State Street. *It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda as found below.*

Ley/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) Sale of Real Property formerly known as the Oliver School-151 State Street at 7:21PM

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

Assistant Town Solicitor Teitz announced that no action was taken in Executive Session

Consent Agenda Items:

Budget Adjustments

Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these adjustments"

- (CA) BB1. Tax Assessor DiMeo re Recommended Abatements & Additions - November 28, 2022

Parella/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to approve the adjustments on the Consent Agenda.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Parella and voted

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unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned
at 7:41 PM.

Melissa Cordeiro, Council Clerk