

A regular meeting of the Keene City Council was held Thursday, November 3, 2016. The Honorable Mayor Kendall W. Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll called: Carl B. Jacobs, Janis O. Manwaring, Terry M. Clark, Jay V. Kahn, Randy L. Filiault, Thomas F. Powers, Robert B. Sutherland, George S. Hansel, Gary P. Lamoureux, Stephen L. Hooper, Bettina A. Chadbourne, Philip M. Jones and Mitchell H. Greenwald were present. Councilors Robert J. O'Connor and David C. Richards were absent. Councilor Chadbourne led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion by Councilor Greenwald to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2016 meeting with a correction to reflect that Councilor Sutherland was absent from the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

PRESENTATION – CASTLE STREET DISCONTINUANCE – CITY ENGINEER AND KEENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Mayor invited City Engineer Don Lussier, Executive Director of Keene Housing Josh Meehan, and Civil Engineer Brud Sanderson from Stevens and Associates to make a presentation relative to improvements at the Castle Street/Harper's Acres improvement project and the proposed discontinuance of Castle Street. Mr. Lussier explained the Castle Street Rehabilitation project is part of FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program. This project is in collaboration with Keene Housing. Castle Street serves only one property owner, Keene Housing.

Mr. Meehan reviewed improvements at their various facilities. He continued that Keene Housing launched a curb appeal initiative that included new business systems and increased investment in landscaping to enhance curb appeal at all their Keene Housing owned and managed properties. The plans for 2017 are to complete a LED lighting retrofit project; window replacement; and the repavement of Castle Street while creating new curbs and sidewalks with appropriate curb cuts, improved drainage and - in preparation for the future - conduit for fiber optics next to the road.

In terms of Castle Street improvements, Mr. Sundstrom stated the project is intended to improve the livability and walkability of the area. With the aid of several PowerPoint slides, Mr. Sundstrom depicted the current condition of the area. Improvements would include the installation of curbing to define the edge of the street, repaving sidewalks and reducing the amount of pavement for greater drainage. Mayor Lane stated he would be referring the subject of Castle Street improvements to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee for their further review.

CONFIRMATIONS – PARTNER CITY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilor Greenwald and duly seconded to confirm the following nominations for the Partner City Committee: Frank Richter to serve as an alternate member for a term to expire December 31, 2019 and Lily Hart as an alternate member for a term to expire December 31, 2019. On a roll call vote, with 13 Councilors present and voting in favor the motion carried. Councilors O'Connor and Richards were absent.

MSFI REPORT – EFFORT TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR POLICE PERSONNEL – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee report read recommending the authorization to paint a blue line on Marlboro St. from Optical Ave. to Main St. and to have this added to the contract for next year's striping to be completed at that time. A motion by Councilor Manwaring to carry out the intent of the report was duly seconded. The motion passed with 12 voting in favor and Councilor Sutherland opposed.

PLD REPORT – PERIODIC REPORT – ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

An informational report was received from the Planning Licenses and Development Committee recommending the periodic report from the Zoning Board of Adjustment be accepted as informational. The report was filed into the record as informational.

FOP REPORT – PERIODIC REPORT – TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

An informational report was received from the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommending the periodic report on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds be accepted as informational. The report was filed into the record as informational.

FOP REPORT – SOLID WASTE FACILITY ENERGY OPTIONS REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report read, recommending the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to pursue the preferred energy option as outlined in the Solid Waste Division Energy Options Report and, as applicable, utilize grant funds available from the EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant to fund a portion of the cost associated with a selected energy option, which is option #3 – biofuel. A motion by Councilor Greenwald was duly seconded. With 11 Councilors voting in favor and Councilor Hooper and Jones opposed, the motion to carry out the intent of the report carried.

FOP REPORT – CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR WOODLAND CEMETERY WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT CONTRACT WITH GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL INC. – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report read, recommending the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute Change Order #1 with GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$4,650 for construction oversight services for the Woodland Cemetery Wetland Restoration Project, bringing the total contract cost to \$37,650 from \$33,000. A motion by Councilor Greenwald was duly seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

FOP REPORT – LADDER TRUCK 2 PURCHASE CONTRACT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was tabled until later in the meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Manager announced he hopes to have a water supply detailed report ready and available from the Water and Sewer Division. He commented he understands the City is in excellent shape. The City Manager reminded the City Council on Saturday, November 5, 2016, there will be an in depth detail discussion about the tree management plan that is being proposed to the airport. The City Manager alerted the Council there were 3 sets of LED lights installed on Marlboro Street. The intent was to display the 3 kinds for gathering input to the City as to which set of LED lights are the most pleasing.

MORE TIME

More time was granted for the following issues within committee: Safety Concern – Intersection of West Street and Bradford Road; Request for No Parking – South Side of Spring Street; Request for Two Hour Parking Limit – 50 Washington Street; Driveway Code Review – Planning Department; and Roxbury Street Crosswalk – Public Works Department.

PLD REPORT AND ORDINANCE O-2016-13: RELATNG TO THE MAIN STREET HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT; ORDINANCE O-2016-14-A: RELATNG TO THE MAIN STREET HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT; AND ORDINANCE O-2016-15: RELATNG TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICT – MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report read recommending to City Council the denial of the passage of O-2016-13, O-2016-14-A, and O-2016-15. The report was filed as informational. Ordinance O-2016-13: Relating to the Main Street Historic Overlay District; Ordinance O-2016-14-A: Relating to the Main Street Historic Overlay District; and Ordinance O-2016-15: Relating to the Establishment of Zoning Overlay District- Main Street Historic District were read for the second time. A motion by Councilor Jones to deny Ordinance O-2016-13, Ordinance O-2016-14-A and Ordinance O-2016-15 was duly seconded. On a roll call vote, with 13 Councilors present and voting in opposition, the motion carried. Ordinances O-2016-13, O-2016-14-A and O-2016-15 declared defeated.

PLD REPORT AND RESOLUTION R-2016-31: RELATNG TO COUNCIL POLICY: RELATING TO POLITICAL ADVERTISING ON CITY PROPERTY, PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND POLLING LOCATIONS

Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report read recommending to the City Council not to adopt Resolution R-2016-31. The report was filed as informational. Resolution R-2016-31: Relating to Council Policy: Political Advertising on City Property, Public Rights-Of-Way and Polling Locations was read for the second time. A motion by Councilor Jones to deny the Resolution was duly seconded. On a show of hands vote, with 13 Councilors present and voting in opposition, the motion carried. Resolution R-2016-31 declared defeated.

FOP REPORT AND RESOLUTION R-2016-32: RELATNG TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR PURCHASE OF A LADDER TRUCK

Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report read recommending the adoption of Resolution R-2016-32. The report was filed as informational. Resolution R-2016-32: Relating to An Appropriation for Purchase of a Ladder Truck was read for the second time. A motion by Councilor Greenwald for adoption of the Resolution was duly seconded. On a roll call vote, with 13 Councilors present and voting in favor the motion passed. Resolution R-2016-32 declared adopted. Councilor O'Connor and Councilor Richards were absent.

FOP REPORT – LADDER TRUCK 2 PURCHASE CONTRACT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was taken off the table. Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report read, recommending the City Manager be authorized to execute a contract for the purchase of Ladder 2 from Pierce Fire Apparatus for \$900,000. A motion by Councilor Jacobs was duly seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 PM, there being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

A true record, attest:

City Clerk