

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL
January 3, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert C. Johnson at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Michael A. Rasmussen, Tabitha J. Gott, Valerie M. Forbes, William D. Pressley Sr., Margaret B. Mann, and Gerald L. Brown.

Also present were Town Manager Sheldon P. Hudson, Chief Torrie James, Attorney D. Barrett Edwards, and Recording Secretary Valerie L. Heritage.

Chief James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Mr. Hudson asked to remove agenda items 5(a) and 5(d).

Councilman Rasmussen made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council minutes of 12/19/22**
- B. Executive session minutes of 12/19/22**
- C. Treasury report**
- D. Police Department monthly report**

Councilman Rasmussen made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mayor and Councilmembers – Mayor Johnson wanted to publicly thank Mr. McNatt, Mr. DeBenedictis, Chief James, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Edwards, Councilman Rasmussen, Councilwoman Gott, Councilwoman Forbes, Councilman Pressley, Councilwoman Mann, and Councilman Brown for everything that they do; he stated that he will try to be a better mayor and listen more.

Councilman Rasmussen said the Main Street Coordinating Board will meet January 18th.

Councilwoman Gott said the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet January 17th.

Councilman Pressley said the Charter and Ordinance Review Committee will not meet this month.

Councilman Brown said the Utility Committee will meet January 10th.

B. Police Chief – Chief James spoke about the next Public Safety Committee meeting that will be January 5th; and they are working on the numbers for the year and will have the report at the next meeting.

C. Town Manager – Mr. Hudson thanked Mr. McNatt; and spoke about the fire department banquet, the Prayer Breakfast, and the lunch with the Electric Department.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

Visitors present were Danielle Pope, John Behrens, Travis Stewart, George DeBenedictis, Jason McNatt, and Fred Schaber IV.

A. Presentation of FY2021 Audit – After discussion it was decided to add this to the upcoming January 11th special meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. N/A

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of FY2021 Audit – This was deferred to the January 11th special Council meeting.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive session to hold a strategy session involving legal advice or an opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation;

B. Executive session to discuss personnel matters in which the names, competency, and abilities of individual employees will be discussed – Councilman Rasmussen made the motion to go into executive session to hold a strategy session involving legal advice or an opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation; and to discuss personnel

matters in which the names, competency, and abilities of individual employees will be discussed. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously. Council went into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

Councilman Brown made the motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously. Council came out of executive session at 7:53 p.m.

C. Possible action on item discussed in executive session regarding a strategy session involving legal advice or an opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation – No action was taken.

D. Possible action on personnel matters discussed in executive session – Councilman Rasmussen made the motion to move forward as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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