

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL**  
**January 17, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert C. Johnson at 7:01 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. Council minutes of 01/03/23**
- C. Executive session minutes of 01/03/23**
- 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**

Councilman Rasmussen said the Main Street Coordinating Board will meet January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Gott said the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet January 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilman Brown said the Utility Committee will meet January 10<sup>th</sup>.

- B. **Police Chief** – Chief James spoke about
- C. **Town Manager** – Mr. Hudson

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS**

Visitors present were Danielle Pope, Travis Stewart, Katie McDonough, Ann Smolinski, Larry & Irene Strozeski, Josh Little, Nina Johnson-Wright, Darlene Hitchens, Jane L. Schneider, Pat Musto, Regina Brown, Fred Schaber IV, Carol Binns, Chris Simms, Sharon Wright, Susan Wolfe, Jim Wolfe, Daphney Walker, and Charlotte Middleton.

- A. **Presentation by Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library** – Kathy Messer gave a brief presentation on behalf of the Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library.
- B. **Presentation by Chris Simms regarding PPCAC** – Chris Simms gave a brief presentation on the PPCAC.
- C. **Presentation of FY21 Audit** – This item was removed from the agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Consideration of FY21 Audit** – This item was removed from the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Senior Citizen Tax Exemption for 2023** – Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to approve the senior citizen tax exemption for 2023 and that it be the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously.
- B. **Set time and place for the April 25, 2023 Town of Smyrna election** – Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to hold the election at Town Hall, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.
- C. **Award of homeless encampment demo/cleanup bid** – Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to award the homeless encampment demo/cleanup bid as recommended by staff. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.
- D. **Confirmation of 2023 PPCAC** – Councilman Brown made the motion to accept the PPCAC relevelization amount. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mann and carried unanimously.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Executive session to discuss personnel matters in which the names, competency, and abilities of individual employees will be discussed** – Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to go into executive session 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 8:08 p.m.

Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously. Council came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m.

**B. 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.

**C. Possible action on personnel matters discussed in executive session** – No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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