



Town Council Meeting Agenda



Monday, December 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Amended on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 1:40 PM

Amended on Friday, December 18, 2020, at 3:15 PM

****POSTPONED FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020****

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Comments from the Press and Public

Recognitions, Resignations and Retirements

1. Recognition of Retirement of Town Employee

Submitted by Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Marunicz

The Town Council will present a recognition award to Wastewater Treatment Facility Secretary Becky Sullivan in recognition of her retirement after more than 48 years of full time service to the Public Works Department: September 4, 1972 – December 31, 2020. Becky will receive a rocking chair engraved with the Town seal, name and dates of service.

2. Recognition of Retirement of Town Employee

Submitted by Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Marunicz

The Town Council will present a recognition award to Technology Coordinator William “Chuck” Miller in recognition of his retirement after more than 44 years of full time service to the Merrimack Police and General Government Departments: November 15, 1976 – December 31, 2020. Chuck worked full-time for the Merrimack Police Department for 21 years before retiring and accepting a position in the General Government Department. Chuck has opted for a gift card in lieu of the rocking chair engraved with the Town seal, name and dates of service.

Appointments

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing - Recommended Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Submitted by Community Development Director Tim Thompson

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider recommended amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 17), developed by staff and the Planning Board, to address repeated ordinance administration and/or enforcement tasks (Definitions, ordinance references, home occupations, dimensional requirement clarifications, travel trailers, references and modifications to ensure compliance with the State Building Code, signs), pursuant to RSA 675:2 and Charter Article 5.

Legislative Updates from State Representatives

Town Manager’s Report

Consent Agenda

Old Business

New Business

1. “High Visibility Mobilization Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$3,400 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “High Visibility Mobilization Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

2. “Distracted Driving Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$2,494 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “Distracted Driving Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

3. “Driving Under the Influence Patrols” Grant Acceptance for the Merrimack Police Department

Submitted by Captain Eric Marquis

The Town Council to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$3,357 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for “Driving Under the Influence Patrols”, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

4. Purchase Request for Backup Dispatch Console for Police & Fire

Submitted by Chief Brian Levesque

The Town Council to consider the request to spend \$29,974.50 from the Communications Capital Improvements Program to purchase a backup dispatch console for a second position to have a complete redundant dispatch center at Central Fire.

5. Request for John O’Leary Adult Community Center Building Improvements

Submitted by Town Councilor Nancy Harrington

Town Council to consider the request to share in the cost of building renovations/upgrades to the John O’Leary Adult Community Center (JOACC).

6. Presentation of Proposed 2021/2022 Town Manager Budget

Submitted by Town Manager Eileen Cabanel and Finance Director Paul T. Micali

Town Manager will present her recommended 2021/2022 budget to the Town Council.

7. Special Election Request

Submitted by Town Council Chairman Tom Koenig

The Town Council to consider requesting the Governor and Secretary of State to allow the Town of Merrimack to hold a special election to fill the vacancy brought on by the passing of Speaker of the House Richard “Dick” Hinch, who represented District 21 (Town of Merrimack), pursuant to RSA 655:81-82, RSA 661:11 and RSA 661:2.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the following Town Council meetings:

- ♦ November 19, 2020
- ♦ December 3, 2020

Comments from the Press

Comments from the Public

Comments from the Council

Adjourn

A copy of the backup material for each agenda item is available for review in the Town Council's Office located at the Merrimack Town Hall.

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Amendment posted: December 16, 2020

Second amendment posted: December 18, 2020