

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Laura Brennan, Town Clerk.

Robert J. Oris, Jr.; Paul A. Bowman; Jeffrey Falk; Patti Flynn-Harris; Sylvia Nichols;
Thomas Ruocco; Timothy Slocum; Peter Talbot; David Veleber.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Alfred Smith, Town Attorney; Arnett Talbot,
Assistant Town Manager.

1. Conducted by the Town Clerk.

Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Election of Council Chairperson

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

MOVED to nominate Robert J. Oris, Jr. as Town Council Chairperson.

Mr. Slocum commended Mr. Oris' for doing a good job as Chairman over the last two years, and said he deserves the seat of Chairman again.

Nominations were called for three times; there were no other nominations placed on the floor.

VOTE The motion to elect Robert J. Oris, Jr. as Town Council Chairperson passed unanimously by those present.

Chairman Oris thanked Councilors for their support with his re-election as Chairman. He said he takes this job seriously, will continue to work hard for the Town of Cheshire, and work collaboratively with all Council members. Mr. Oris noted the many important things and issues in front of this Council, particularly, the State problems, and said everyone needs to work together for the community.

2. Conducted by Council Chairperson

A. Election of Vice Chairperson

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to nominate Paul A. Bowman as Town Council Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Slocum stated that Mr. Bowman has served effectively as Vice Chairman for the past two years, is a team player, and deserves to be re-elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

Nominations were called for three times; there were no other nominations placed on the floor.

VOTE The motion to elect Paul A. Bowman as Town Council Vice Chairperson passed unanimously by those present.

B. Review of Town Council Rules of Procedure

Chairman Oris announced the Rules of Procedure were submitted for Council review. If there are any modifications or changes from Councilors, he asked they be forwarded to him. The Council will vote on the Rules of Procedure at the December 12, 2017 meeting.

C. Announcement of Council committee and liaison assignments

Chairman Oris read the Council committee and liaison assignments into the record of the meeting.

Council Committees

AUDIT -	Sylvia Nichols, Chair; Tom Ruocco, Jeff Falk
BUDGET -	Tim Slocum, Chair; Sylvia Nichols, Jeff Falk
ORDINANCE REVIEW-	Patti Flynn-Harris, Chair; David Veleber, Paul Bowman
PERSONNEL -	Thomas Ruocco, Chair; Sylvia Nichols, Peter Talbot
PLANNING -	Paul Bowman, Chair; Tim Slocum, Patti Flynn-Harris
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Council Liaisons

Board of Education-	Sylvia Nichols
Planning & Zoning -	David Veleber
Beautification Committee -	Sylvia Nichols
Economic Development Commission -	Patti Flynn-Harris
Energy Commission -	Peter Talbot
Environment Commission -	Timothy Slocum
Historical District Commission -	David Veleber
Housing Authority -	Sylvia Nichols

Human Services Committee -	Jeff Falk
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses -	Timothy Slocum
Library Board -	Jeff Falk
Parks & Rec Commission -	Peter Talbot
Performing & Fine Arts Commission-	Patti Flynn-Harris
Prison Advisory Commission -	Thomas Ruocco
Public Building Commission -	Paul Bowman
Public Safety Commission -	Paul Bowman
Retirement Board -	Thomas Ruocco
Water Pollution Control Authority/ Flood & Erosion Control Board -	Jeff Falk
Youth Services Committee -	David Veleber
Cable T.V. Franchise Advisory Council-	Patti Flynn-Harris

D. Approval of schedule of regular meeting dates for calendar 2018

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #120517-1

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following meeting dates for the 2018 Town Council Regular Meetings. All meetings are held in Council Chambers on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

January 9, 2018
February 13, 2018
March 13, 2018
April 10, 2018
May 8, 2018
June 12, 2018
July 10, 2018
August 14, 2018
September 11, 2108
October 9, 2018
November 13, 2018
December 11, 2018
January 8, 2019

This schedule is not in conflict with any holidays in 2018.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS; Executive Session

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols

MOVED that the Town Council enter Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to include Town Attorney Smith to discuss personnel matters.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED that the Town Council exit Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Slocum

MOVED to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

MARILYN W. MILTON, CLERK