

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Fairfax Women's Club
Wednesday, **August 19, 2015**

Call to Order/Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Coler
Renee Goddard
Peter Lacques
John Reed
David Weinsoff

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garrett Toy, Town Manager
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk
Janet Coleson, Town Attorney

Mayor Coler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/S, Weinsoff/Goddard, Motion to approve the agenda and the affidavit of posting.

AYES: Goddard, Lacques, Reed, Weinsoff, Mayor Coler

Regular Agenda

Adoption of a resolution appointing unopposed nominees to Town offices and cancelling the November 3, 2015 Town election -Town Manager

Town Manager Toy presented a staff report. He stated that at the close of the extended nominations period, there were not more candidates than offices for election, and there were no qualified ballot measures. Elections Code section 10229 provides for three options in this situation, with staff recommending the option to cancel the election and appoint the nominees to their respective offices. He noted there was the drawback of no possibility of write-in candidates. He stated that by cancelling the election, the Town would save approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 in election costs. As a matter of process, if a council member wished to abstain from voting on a resolution appointing him/herself office, the Council could separate out the actions in the proposed resolution into four separate resolutions. The Clerk distributed the four alternate resolutions.

The Town Attorney noted there was no conflict of interest for councilmembers voting for themselves in this situation.

It was the consensus of the Council to choose the option to cancel the election and appoint the nominees.

M/S, Weinsoff/Reed, Motion to adopt the resolution appointing unopposed nominees to Town offices and cancelling the November 2015 Town election.

Councilmember Lacques stated he would abstain in order to abstain from voting to appoint himself.

M/S, Weinsoff/Reed, Motion to withdraw the motion to adopt the resolution appointing unopposed nominees to Town offices and cancelling the November 2015 Town election.

AYES: Goddard, Lacques, Reed, Weinssoff, Mayor Coler
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

The Town Manager recommended that the Council use the alternate four separate resolutions to proceed, which the clerk distributed at the meeting.

Motion/Second, Weinssoff/Reed, to adopt a Resolution Cancelling the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

AYES: Goddard, Reed, Weinssoff, Mayor Coler
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: Lacques

Motion/Second, Weinssoff/Reed Motion to adopt a resolution providing for the appointment of Renee Goddard to the Office of Town Councilmember that was to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

AYES: Goddard, Lacques, Reed, Weinssoff, Mayor Coler
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Motion/Second, Weinssoff/Reed, Motion to adopt a resolution providing for the appointment of Peter Lacques to the office of Town Councilmember that was to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

AYES: Goddard, Reed, Weinssoff, Mayor Coler
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: Lacques

Motion/Second, Weinssoff/Reed to adopt a resolution providing for the appointment to the Offices of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

AYES: Goddard, Lacques, Reed, Weinssoff, Mayor Coler
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm in memory of Fairfax resident Deb Hubsmith.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk