

Special Council Meeting

August 2, 2024

A duly warned special meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Friday, August 2, 2024 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President Chris Vachon, council members Kevin Charboneau, Rick Ufford-Chase, Clark Curtis, City Manager Johnathan DeLaBruere, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Union Matter – Potential Executive Session (1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(B)(F))

Mr. Vachon moved to find the premature public knowledge of confidential attorney client communications needed to provide information to the city council. Confidential civil litigation to which the public body is a party in regards to the labor relations agreement with employee could place the city at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing the cities negotiation strategy or priority and would waive the cities attorney client privilege and prematurely disclose the cities negotiation strategy. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

Mr. Curtis moved to enter into executive session to discuss attorney client communication with the purpose of providing services related to negotiating labor relations agreement and pending civil litigation 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(B)(F). Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

No action.

Mr. Vachon moved to authorize the Mayor to continue negotiations with the union. Seconded by Mr. Curtis, motion carried.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Adjourn

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn At 6:54 pm. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of August, 2024

Mayor

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