

Special Council Meeting

August 23, 2024

A duly warned of the Newport city council was hold on Friday, august 23, 2024 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President Chris Vachon, council members Clark Curtis, Rick Ufford-Chase, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, City Manager Johnathan DeLaBruere, Attorney Beriah Smith, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the Meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Address Open Meeting Violation Allegation

Mr. Curtis moved that the council make a finding that premature general public knowledge of the City's attorney client communications regarding an alleged Open Meeting Violation would clearly place the council at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing the City's privileged attorney-client communications and potentially waiving said privilege. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, Motion carried.

Mr. Curtis moved to enter executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications with the City attorney for the purpose of providing professional legal services regarding an alleged Open Meeting Law Violation and invite the city attorney into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(F). Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

No action.

In open session, Mr. Vachon moved that the City Council deny the alleged Open Meeting Law Violation sent to the city in an email by Jennifer Bjurling on August 17, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-Chase, motion carried.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Mr. Ufford-Chase moved to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Attested _____ this _____ Day of _____ 2024

Mayor