

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

WESTERLY TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY

JULY 12, 2021

5:30 P.M.

Sharon E. Ahern, President, Suzanne K. Giorno, Vice Pres.
Councilors Caswell Cooke, Jr., Christopher A. Duhamel, Philip M. Overton, Karen A. Cioffi,
Brian H. McCuin
J. Mark Rooney, Town Manager; Law Firm of William J. Conley, Jr., Town Solicitor
Donna L. Giordano, MMC, Town Clerk; Patrick J. Falcone, Town Sergeant

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Written public comment can be submitted prior to the meeting by emailing mleblanc@westerlyri.gov.

All comments must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting in order to be entered into the record of the meeting.

(Pursuant to Office of the Governor Executive Order 20-46, dated June 12, 2020 and Governor Daniel McKee Executive Order 21-21, dated March 3, 2021 and Executive Order 21-72, dated June 24, 2021)

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilor Duhamel

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Council President Ahern

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

If accessing the meeting via phone, press *9, to be recognized or if using the Zoom app, press the “raise hand” button to be recognized.

When addressing the Council, please state your name and address; please conduct yourself in an orderly and respectful fashion. Citizens will have up to ten (10) minutes and one opportunity to speak. The comments of citizens accessing this portion of our meeting are neither adopted nor endorsed by this body, but heard as requested. *If the matter is scheduled for a public hearing, the comments shall be deferred to that agenda item.*

Sign-Up Sheets will be available at the Council Meeting for any citizens wishing to be heard. Citizens who do not sign up to speak will have an opportunity to be heard following the individuals listed on the sign-up sheet.

COUNCILORS' RESPONSE

3. Proposed Ordinance – “An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 145 Of The Westerly Code Of Ordinances Entitled ‘Housing Standards’” (Add §145-25. Residential Zone Short-term Rental Registration) – Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Overview by Dylan Conley, Esq. and Town Manager Rooney
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action by Council
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - a. Additional Sidewalks And Roads – Kyle Zalaski, Town Engineer
5. Proposed Ordinance – “An Ordinance In Amendment of Article V ‘Exemption For Qualified Veterans, Prisoners Of War, Gold Star Parents And Visually Impaired Persons’ Of Chapter 229 Of The Westerly Code Of Ordinances Entitled ‘Taxation’” – Discussion and Possible Action

6. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council may vote to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-4 and:

- a) §42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation – "Opioid Litigation Update: "Consideration of proposed Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy Plan (19-23649) as it relates to partial resolution of ongoing National Opioid Litigation, and general update of the opioid litigation status."
- b) §42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel – Job Performance – Town Manager Evaluation

Such person(s) have been notified in writing and advised that they may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

42-46-6(b) “...Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee, from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST CALL 348-2502 IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

The Town Council agenda and supporting documents can be accessed on the Town of Westerly website at www.westerlyri.gov

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS:

(Applications can be obtained on the Town of Westerly's website www.westerlyri.gov and submitted to the Office of Town Clerk)

LICENSING BOARD (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
BOARD OF RECREATION (FULL MEMBER)
VETERANS 'ROLLS OF HONOR' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
HOUSING AUTHORITY (FULL MEMBER)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (ONE FULL MEMBER)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
JUVENILE HEARING BOARD (THREE VACANCIES)
PLANNING BOARD (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (ALTERNATE MEMBER)
BOARD OF FINANCE (ONE FULL MEMBER)
ZONING BOARD (FIRST ALTERNATE)
CONCERTS ON THE BEACH COMMITTEE (TWO FULL MEMBERS)