



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on January 9, 2019.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis thanked community members Lee Barrios and Coco Bauder for their volunteer efforts. Ms. Barrios and Ms. Bauder worked on landscaping improvements at the parking area on Level and Leveson St. The Mayor announced that zoning issues would be considered in upcoming board meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the December 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Ms. Contois opened discussion of an ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. Mr. Murphy reviewed points from prior meeting discussions including the removal of expenditures for a new parking area and professional fees for the development of a master plan. Mr. Murphy added that the Town is reviewing and evaluating all aspects of employee health insurance benefits. The committee determined that a reduction in benefit expenses would not precipitate a budget amendment Ms. Contois moved to favorably recommend Instrument 2018-008, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee meeting and to accept the December 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Saussy opened discussion of Instrument 2018-009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 9 - PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 1 – PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS, ARTICLE B. – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS and Instrument 2018-010, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES. Residents voiced objections regarding the regulation of exterior paint color. The aldermen voiced opposition to the regulation of landscaping by the commission. Mr. Saussy moved the instruments forward to the Town Council Meeting for a veto override vote, with amendment (to follow.) Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Mr. Murphy asked the board for their cooperation in submitting Town Council agenda items by the close of business on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. Ms. Contois requested that early in the week, a reminder of the agenda closing be sent to allow time for submissions. Mr. Saussy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee meeting and to accept the December 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. With no new business to discuss Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the Economic Development Committee meeting and to accept the December 2018 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Committee members invited the public to offer suggestions. A local resident asked if the code might more clearly define the role of the Economic Development Committee. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to close the meetings, seconded by Ms. Contois.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor