

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #22-80
OCTOBER 28, 1980
7:30 P.M. Council Room

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TOWN OF FREEPORT
MEETING OF THE FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL

- ☐ Regular
☒ Special

Chairman's Call to Order

Present Escused Absent

Vaughndella Curtis, Chairman, Pine St
John Swan, Vice Chairman, 48 Bow Street
Elizabeth Ruff, Durham Road
Leo Valliere, 10 Fark Street
William Lunt, Webster Road
Hollis Willett, Lower Flying Point
Edward Hindley, Wardtown Road

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Moved and Seconded - That the reading of the Minutes of Meeting
#21-80 held October 21, 1980 be waived and accept it as printed.
(Councilors Lunt & Ruff) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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A discussion followed on the Desert Road Acceptance Alternatives. Town Attorney Paul Frinsko explained that the Town Council has the authority as a legislative body to accept any roads as long as certain criteria is met; it is the Town Council's discretion.

Mr. Frinsko considered the following questions for the Council:

1. Can the street be offered to the Town for acceptance?
2. What conditions, if any, would the Town Council be willing to accept a town road?

He stressed that there is no legal obligation for the Town to pay for the road. There is a statutory obligation for the maintenance of the road once the town accepts it as a town road.

The Town Council agreed that Town Manager Benway draw up some sort of an accepted agreement between the residents of Desert Pines and the Town Council for further discussion.

A discussion of the Charter Amendment followed.

Peter Coffin explained that a system should be given to the people for a check or veto power or an opportunity to institute a petition on items to be voted on or action for overrule.

Attorney Paul Frinsko stated that the basics had been corrected in the original amendment. The remaining questions are all a matter of policy; the extent the Council wishes representative government in the community.

Peter Coffin pointed out the major points of the petition:

1. Number of days between the vote of extending from 14 to 21 days.
2. Filing the petition - should it be filed with the Town Clerk or should it be filed as a normal petition?
3. The requirement of 10% of the registered voters.

Attorney Frinsko stated that the Council may put a synopsis on the ballot rather than the full language of the amendment.

Peter Coffin suggested that the following statement be added onto the amendment: that this change does not affect an emergency ordinance or amendment.

Council Chairman Curtis stated that the Freeport Patrolman's Association would like to meet with the Council.

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Moved and Seconded - That the Council move to Executive Session with the Town Attorney and Representatives plus a guest of the Local Economic Development Corporation to discuss current negotiations on a commercial development in Freeport.
(Councilors Ruff & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Council reconvene.
(Councilors Ruff & Lunt) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the rules be waived to introduce an item not on the Agenda. (Councilors Lunt & Ruff) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Council enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. (Councilors Lunt & Ruff) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Council reconvene.
(Councilors Ruff & Swan) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Council Chairman Curtis read the following statement:

"The original charges of bribery, perjury, and graft have not been substantiated. A review of the public records has been conducted and the Council doesn't feel there's sufficient evidence to substantiate further investigation at this time."

Moved and Seconded - To add to the amendment: "in response to the Affidavit received this week."
(Councilors Ruff & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the previously read statement to go on public record as being the position of the Council.
(Councilors Swan & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 12:38 P.M.
(Councilors Lunt & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Wescott
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Council Secretary

Dist: Council, Town Att'y,
Clerk, Bookkeeper,
Police, Supt. Schools,
Library, Highway,
Planning, Auditor