

APPROVED MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on November 14, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
SARA GODDARD
EMILY HURD
RICHARD MECCA
BENJAMIN STACKS
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

JULIE SOUZA, Councilmember

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohn called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Mayor Cohn asked the Deputy City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

3. Discussion of the FY 2018 Budget:

● *Boat Basin Budget Review*

George Hogben, Boat Basin Supervisor, gave an overview of the Boat Basin, which is set up as an enterprise fund. The Boat Basin Marina hosts over 400 boats. Mr. Hogben discussed items such as dredging and compliance with different agencies.

There was general discussion about dredging for the coming years with regard to strategy and financial planning for that endeavor.

● *Rye Golf Club Budget Review*

Jim Buonaiuto, Rye Golf Club Manager, gave an overview of the Rye Golf Club operations. He explained that the Golf Club has consistently run at an operational surplus under an enterprise fund. He felt that 2018 had been a successful year financially, along with its success in capital improvements. He is hopeful to continue updating the Club with capital improvements in the future. He thanked his staff and the City for helping make the Golf Club a success.

Mr. Buoniauto explained that there would not be an increase in full time positions for 2019 proposed other than what was budgeted for in 2018.

There was discussion over capital costs for the future and revenue sources.

- *Public Works Department Budget Review / Building and Vehicle Fund Review*

Ryan Coyne, DPW Superintendent and City Engineer, explained that the DPW oversees sanitation, City-owned properties, fleet management, sewer and drain utility maintenance, streetlight maintenance, signs and road markings in town, and recycling, among others.

There was discussion about lack of garage space and preserving the DPW vehicles. There was also discussion over a possible updated City-wide services survey. Mr. Coyne thanked his staff for their hard work.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein, to adjourn the public budget workshop at 9:00 and enter executive session for the purposes of discussing litigation and personnel matters. The Council announced that they would not return to a public meeting from the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Euka Pietrosanti
Deputy City Clerk