

APPROVED AS AMENDED: February 13, 2017

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION SESSION
January 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on December 20, 2016.

ATTENDEES: Council: Geevers, Hamilton, Marathe, Mendonez, Miller; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2017

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Young called for nominations for Council President.

Ms. Miller nominated Mr. Mendonez to serve as Council President.
Ms. Hamilton seconded the nomination.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as Council President.
Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Mr. Herbert informed Council that the roll call vote could be taken by saying the last name of the individual they want to cast their vote for.

Ms. Young asked for any further nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Marathe

Second: Miller

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Mendonez
aye Miller

Mr. Marathe thanked Ms. Geevers for her nomination of him as Council President. He made a statement about politics and the choices that are best for West Windsor Township.

Ms. Young called for a vote to confirm the election of Council President.

RCV: Geevers - Cast a vote for Marathe
Hamilton - Cast a vote for Mendonez
Marathe - Cast a vote for himself
Mendonez - Cast a vote for himself
Miller - Cast a vote for Mendonez

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Mendonez with his wife Jennifer by his side, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

Ms. Young turned the meeting over to the new Council President.

Mayor Hsueh recognized the Legislators, Freeholders, County, and former Municipal Officials in attendance.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

President Mendonez called for nominations for Council-Vice President.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Ms. Miller to serve as Council Vice-President.

Mr. Mendonez seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Marathe

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Miller as Council Vice-President.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms. Miller accompanied by Mr. Kamal Khanna, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

President Mendonez called for nominations for Planning Board Class III Member.

Ms. Miller nominated Ms. Hamilton to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.

Mr. Mendonez seconded the nomination.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.

Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Miller

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election of as Planning Board Class III Member.

RCV: aye Geevers - cast a vote for Marathe
aye Hamilton - cast a vote for herself
aye Marathe - cast a vote for himself
aye Miller - cast a vote for Hamilton
aye Mendonez - cast a vote for Hamilton

SWEARING IN OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

Ms. Hamilton with her husband Brian by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

President Mendonez called for nominations for Member on the Affordable Housing Committee.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Ms. Miller to serve as Member on the Affordable Housing Committee
Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers
Second: Miller

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Miller as Member on the Affordable Housing Committee.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

SWEARING IN OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ms. Miller accompanied by Mr. Khanna, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (2)

President Mendonez called for nominations for two Cable TV Advisory Board Members.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Mr. Marathe who declined the nomination.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Cable TV Advisory Board Member.

Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Ms. Geevers nominated Ms. Hamilton to serve as Cable TV Advisory Board Member.

Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Miller

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Hamilton.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

SWEARING IN OF CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Geevers came forward and were sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEMBER

President Mendonez called for nominations for the Emergency Management Member.

Ms. Miller nominated Ms. Hamilton to serve as the Emergency Management Member.

Ms. Hamilton seconded the nomination.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as the Emergency Management Member.

Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Miller

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the election as Emergency Management Member.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

SWEARING IN OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBER

Ms. Hamilton with her husband Brian by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

LIAISONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NOMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON

President Mendonez called for nominations for Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Miller seconded the nomination.

Mr. Marathe declined the nomination.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Mendonez to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.

Mr. Marathe seconded the nomination of Mr. Mendonez.

President Mendonez advised that he has served on the Commission several terms and asked if Mr. Marathe would reconsider serving as the liaison.

Discussion ensued over nominations as liaisons for various Boards, and rotating the positions to allow Council Members to gain experience on these Boards.

Ms. Hamilton seconded the nomination of Mr. Mendonez.

Motion to close nominations: Mendonez

Second: Miller

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

Ms. Young called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Mendonez as Environmental Commission Liaison.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

NOMINATION OF BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

President Mendonez called for nominations for Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Ms. Miller seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Marathe

Second: Miller

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the selection of Ms. Geevers as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

NOMINATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY LIAISON

President Mendonez called for nominations for Parking Authority Liaison.

Ms. Hamilton nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as Parking Authority Liaison.

Ms. Geevers seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Miller

Second: Hamilton

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Marathe as Parking Authority Liaison.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

President Mendonez called for nominations of School Board Liaison.

Mr. Marathe nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as the School Board Liaison.

Ms. Miller seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Miller

Second: Marathe

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the selection of Ms. Geevers as School Board Liaison.

RCV: aye Geevers
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

NOMINATION OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT LIAISON

President Mendonez called for nominations for Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

Ms. Miller nominated Mr. Marathe to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

Ms. Hamilton seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Miller

Second: Hamilton

RCV: aye Geever
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

President Mendonez called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Marathe as Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

RCV: aye Geever
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

President Mendonez advised that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve as Council President. He noted that he looked forward to new beginnings and change. President Mendonez thanked his Council Members, Administration and the Police Division for making West Windsor a great community. He spoke about his thirty day plan with objectives, priorities, and goals to achieve. President Mendonez wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Miller noted that Council Members respect each others' skills and noted the diversity of the Council Members and their ability to serve the community. She thanked her colleges for voting for her as Vice President of Council. Ms. Miller spoke about the expertise she brings to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Ms. Hamilton advised that she has learned a lot during her first year of serving as a Council Member. She has high hopes for 2017, and it is an exciting time. Ms. Hamilton has a true appreciation for the potential for change and growth. She wished the best of luck to all her Council Members.

Ms. Geevers congratulated Mr. Mendonez and Ms. Miller. She advised that Council may not always agree on everything, but they come together and work together for the best of the community. Ms. Geevers thanked all the elected officials for their attendance this evening. She spoke about laying out goals and working hard to accomplish them.

Mr. Marathe congratulated Mr. Mendonez and Ms. Miller. He clarified his stance on the solar micro-grid project. Mr. Marathe noted that he needs answers to his basic questions before making a decision on the project. He outlined his background experience and knowledge with solar energy.

Discussion ensued about a resolution that was distributed to Council for consideration this evening regarding the solar micro-grid.

Ms. Hamilton noted that a meeting was held to attempt to answer most of Council's questions regarding the project. She suggested that Council get the opportunity to review the contract to begin to setup the framework for additional comments.

Ms. Miller suggested a work session to devote time to discuss the solar micro-grid project

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Resolutions

2017-R001 Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2017

2017-R002 Legal Newspapers for West Windsor Township

2017-R003 Establishing Procedural Guidelines for the Council of West Windsor Township

2017-R004 Municipal Holidays for the Calendar Year 2017

2017-R005 Cash Management Plan Authorization for West Windsor Township

2017-R006 Approving the Re-Appointment of Lyle Girandola as a Member of the Parking Authority with a Term to Expire December 31, 2021

2017-R007 Approving the Re-Appointment of John Roeder as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire December 31, 2020

2017-R008 Approving the Re-Appointment of Daniel Marks as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire December 31, 2020

2017-R009 Approving the Re-Appointment of Jyotika Bahree as Alternate II of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire December 31, 2018

2017-R010 Approving the Re-Appointment of Victor Stein as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire December 31, 2018

2017-R011 Approving the Re-Appointment of Paul Pitluk as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire December 31, 2021

Motion to approve resolutions 2017-R001 through 2017-R011: Miller

Second: Marathe

RCV: aye Geever
aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Miller
aye Mendonez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, congratulated the Members of Council and recommended a work session for the discussion of the solar micro-grid.

Mr. Bob Murray, 20 Lorrie Lane, advised that he has been a resident of West Windsor for forty-five years. He congratulated Council and set several priorities for the new year.

Mr. Andrew Hersh, 24 Windsor Ponds Road, congratulated Mr. Mendonez and Ms. Miller on their appointments. He advised of his support for Project Freedom and spoke about the benefits of a solar micro-grid for the Municipal Complex.

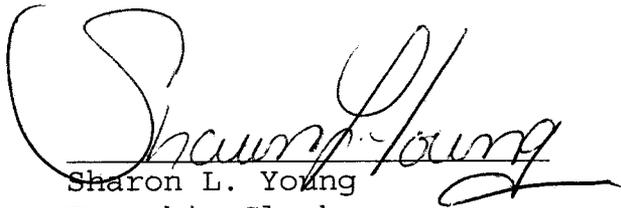
Mr. Andrew Kulley, 6 Jill Drive, thanked Council for their dedication and support to the community.

Mr. Bryan Maher, 135 Penn Lyle Road, advised that the Municipal Complex does not need a micro-grid because generators were purchased. He outlined the benefits to living in the West Windsor and noted that a solar micro-grid is not one of them. Mr. Maher spoke about the high tax increases the County has approved in the past few years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Miller
Second: Mendonez
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township