

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020  
4:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS via Zoom & Livestreaming**

**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Faienza, Deputy Mayor J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Ahlquist, J. Demetriades, A. Waters joined at 5:05 p.m.

Absent:

Also present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Town Attorney K. Olsen, Attorney P. Das and Zoom Technician A. Armetta

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by J. Henahan seconded by S. Fortenbach and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Action regarding opening CT and outdoor graduation.
  - a. Possible Executive Session.

**Motion** made by S. Fortenbach seconded by J. Henahan and unanimously carried to open discussion on opening CT and Outdoor Graduation.

Discussion followed. Mayor Faienza stated that businesses need to open to survive. Mayor Faienza would like to have an outdoor graduation. J. Demetriades read letter into record he sent to the council. S. Fortenbach said the safety of our citizens is our number one priority. P. Ahlquist said it is the responsibility to our citizens to do things right. J. Donohue stated that she hoped the Governor was listening and wants the Representatives brought back and to be involved.

A **motion** was made by P. Ahlquist and seconded by S. Fortenbach to go in to Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss whether or not the Town should assert a legal right or claim.

Town Manager Salvatore and April Armetta Zoom Technician were invited as well as Town Attorney K. Olson and Attorney P. Das via Zoom.

Aye: S. Fortenbach, E. Faienza, J. Donahue, J. Henahan, P. Ahlquist, A. Waters

Nay: J. Demetriades

A **motion** was made by S. Fortenbach and seconded by J. Henahan to come out of Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

**Motion** made by E. Faienza seconded by J. Henahan and unanimously carried to authorize the Town Attorney to create a declaration/legal memorandum allowing our businesses in Cromwell that are

willing, ready and able following all the safety guidelines to reopen immediately and also considerations for hosting outdoor graduations.

## 2. Discussion and Action regarding Superintendent's budget proposals.

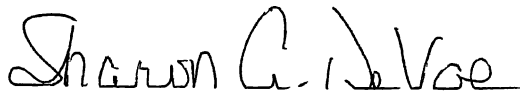
Discussion followed. E. Faienza presented two options concerning the BOE's budget. S. Fortenbach would like the BOE to clarify their budget. It is the responsibility of the Town to ask questions. E. Faienza is going to reach out to Dr. Macri and ask her to attend the next Town Council meeting.

No action taken.

## D. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon C. DeVoe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon DeVoe  
Secretary