

## COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2024

7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee, and Mr. Zolman. Staff members present were: Town Manager Jim Roark, Chief of Police Dave Snyder, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Hann, Human Resources Coordinator Judy Rang, Assistant Zoning Administrator Elizabeth Dietrich, and Administrative Assistant Christina Swisher.

Guests present were: Marlene Duff and David Padilla.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes and Town Council Meeting minutes of April 9, 2024.** Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

### **REPORTS:**

All reports were made.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Re-Appointment of Tracy McCoy to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Term of Three Years.** Mayor Nevin stated that Ms. McCoy had served the Board for multiple terms.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the Reappointment of Tracy McCoy to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Term of Three Years.** Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Tracy McCoy for the Town of Hampstead Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.** Mayor Nevin gave a brief summary of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. He stated that there was no increase in the tax rate, but there would be an 8% increase in the water fund which will continue to increase during over the next several years due to the financial burden of the Town's Centralization and Modernization Project in order to be in compliance with new federal EPA guidelines for PFAS removal in the drinking water.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Ordinance 552 – an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2025.**

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to introduce Ordinance 552 – an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2025**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions. Mayor Nevin explained that the property tax rate would remain the same at \$0.22 for Residential and \$0.55 for the Business Personal Property Tax.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Ordinance 553 – an Ordinance to Adopt the Annual Budget of the Town of Hampstead for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**.

Mr. Zolman made a **motion to introduce Ordinance 553 – an Ordinance to Adopt the Annual Budget of the Town of Hampstead for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. He stated that it was almost 4 million dollars in the General Fund and 1.8 million dollars in the Water Fund. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions. Mayor Nevin stated that the budget was balanced.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Resolution 2024-02 – a Resolution Regarding the Increase of Water Rates**. He again stated that water rates would increase 8%.

Mr. Zolman made a **motion to introduce Resolution 2024-02 – a Resolution Regarding the Increase of Water Rates**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

Mrs. Painter made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

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MAYOR