

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Fairfax Women's Club
Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Call to Order/Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bragman
Pam Hartwell-Herrero
John Reed
David Weinsoff

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan O'Neil

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Garrett Toy, Town Manager
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk
Jim Karpiak, Town Attorney
Jim Moore, Planning Director

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 9:26 p.m.

Discussion/Consideration of process for replacement of Councilmember due to resignation

Mayor Reed announced that Councilmember Ryan O'Neil submitted a letter of resignation because he is moving out of the jurisdiction. He noted the Council could call for an election or appoint someone to complete his term. An election would cost between \$43,488 to \$54,360.

Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero stated she did not want to hold an election. She was in favor of following the example of a recent appointment made by the San Rafael City Council.

Councilmember Bragman noted Councilmember O'Neil has almost three years left on his term. He asked if they could put his seat on the upcoming November ballot (retroactively change the term). Town Clerk Anderson stated this could not be done. Town Attorney Karpiak agreed.

Councilmember Bragman agreed that they should follow the process used by the San Rafael Council. Town Clerk Anderson stated they could certainly tweak the interview process. Councilmember Bragman asked if the Council could make suggestions on the application. Town Clerk Anderson stated "yes".

Ms. Mimi Newton stated she did not want the Town to spend any money on a special election.

M/Ss, Weinsoff/Bragman, Motion to direct staff to advertise for the vacancy and call for applications to permit the Council to make an appointment at an upcoming meeting.

AYES: All
ABSENT: O'Neil

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary