

CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Remote Meeting Only Essex Junction, VT 05452 Monday, April 10, 2023 6:00 PM

[6:00 PM]

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES OVERVIEW
- 3. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters approve an annual General Fund Budget in the amount of \$ 11,421,171 for fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, \$10,420,986 of which is to be levied in taxes against the City Grand List?
- 4. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters approve the following amendment to Section 206 of the city Charter (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition): § 206. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; PROHIBITIONS
 - (a) Holding other office. No Council member shall hold any City employment during the term for which they were elected to the Council, <u>unless allowed by state statute</u>. A Council member may be appointed to represent the City on other boards except as pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2647. No former Council member shall hold any compensated appointive municipal office or employment, except for poll worker, until one year after the expiration of the term for which they were elected to the legislative body.
- 5. <u>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 3:</u> Shall the voters approve the following amendment to Section 206 of the city Charter (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition): § 206. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; PROHIBITIONS
 - (b) Holding other office. No Council member shall hold any City employment during the term for which they were elected to the Council. A Council member may be appointed to represent the City on other boards except as pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2647. No former Council member shall hold any compensated appointive municipal office or employment, except for poll worker, until one year

after the expiration of the term for which they were elected to the legislative body.

 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters approve the following amendment to Section 302 of the city Charter (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition): § 302. MODERATOR

The voters <u>Council</u> at the City Annual Meeting shall elect <u>appoint</u> a Moderator who shall preside at the next City <u>Informational</u> Annual Meeting. The term of Moderator shall be one year. Only qualified voters of the City of Essex Junction shall be eligible to hold the office of Moderator.

- PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters approve the following amendment to Section 401 of the City Charter (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition):
 § 401. CITY MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS
 - (a) By January 1 of each year, the voters-Council shall at each annual meeting vote to set the date of the next annual meeting, at which time the voters shall vote for the election of officers, the voting on the City budget, and any other business included in the warnings for the meetings.
- 8. <u>DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 6:</u> Shall the voters approve holding the 2024 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at which time the voters shall vote by Australian ballot for the election of officers, the voting on the City budget, and any other business included in the warning for the meeting?

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- 9. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters authorize a planning loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a project in the Water Enterprise Fund to complete a service line inventory and lead service line replacement plan in an amount not to exceed \$433,700 to be financed over a period not to exceed ten years.
- 10. <u>ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ARTICLE 8:</u> To elect City officers required by law including: Moderator (one-year term), two City Council members (three-year terms), and one Library Trustee (five-year term)?

11. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- 12. **READING FILE**
 - a. Annual Report Newsletter
 - b. Annual Report
- 13. ADJOURN

ANNUAL MEETING – Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The legal voters of the City of Essex Junction may vote on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm at the Champlain Valley Exposition in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, 105 Pearl Street in the City of Essex Junction to vote by Australian ballot. Mailed ballots and ballots dropped off at the Town offices must be received (not post-marked) no later than April 11, 2023.

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the Public to Be Heard agenda item, during a Public Hearing, or, when recognized by the President, during consideration of a specific agenda item. The public will not be permitted to participate when a motion is being discussed except when specifically requested by the President. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. Meetings of the City Council, like all programs and activities of the City of Essex Junction, are accessible to people with disabilities. For information on accessibility or this agenda, call the City Manager's office at 802-878-6944 TTY: 7-1-1 or (800) 253-0191.