

**MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2002
SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

Item 1. Call to Order. Chairman Messer called the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call. Rolled was called by Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk.

Councillor O'Reilly	Councillor Ross
Councillor Maroon	Councillor Most
Councillor Foley-Ferguson	Chairman Messer
Ronald W. Owens, Town Manager	

Order No. 02-91, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the proposed changes to Section 905.11 of the Town Charter on the ballot for the Election of November 5, 2002. Prior to opening the public hearing, Councillor O'Reilly gave a brief overview on Order No. 02-91. Chairman Messer opened the public hearing.

Charles Callahan, 14 Woodrock Drive, asked what the mechanism is for the Town to get paid back after the Town bonds the additional infrastructure. Chairman Messer stated that the Town could fund the additional infrastructure one of two ways: Tax Increment Financing and Special Assessment. Chairman Messer went on to explain the difference between the two funding methods. Councillor O'Reilly also made comments. In response to another question from Mr. Callahan, Councillor O'Reilly stated that the ballpark figure would be less than 20% of the total cost of the major infrastructure, which is estimated at \$11 million.

Further discussion ensued. It was noted that there should be an equal balance of commercial and residential development. It was pointed out that this referendum change was not only for the Haigis Parkway but for other areas that might need these changes as well.

There being no further comments, Chairman Messer closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Order No. 02-92, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the referendum question to construct and equip additions and renovations to the Scarborough High School. Prior to opening the public hearing, members of Harriman Associates gave a presentation on Order No. 02-92. Chairman Messer opened the public hearing.

Sean Flaherty, 219 Black Point Road and a high school student, spoke in support of the high school project and urged the voters to support it as well.

Emily Kipp, 12 Iris Drive and a high school student, spoke in support of the high school project.

Becky Condon, 19 Sextant Lane and a high school student, spoke in support of the high school project.

Andrew Dolloff, Scarborough High School Principal, spoke in support of the high school project and asked that voters show their support as well.

Carolyn Brodsky, 14 Mast Road and a business owner, spoke in support of Order No. 02-92.

Jackie Perry, 215 Black Point Road and a member of the Board of Education, spoke in support of Order No. 02-92.

Christopher Brownsey, 262 Holmes Road, spoke in support of the high school project.

Jim Kimball, 16 Judge Hasty Lane, spoke in support of the high school project.

Charles Callahan, 14 Woodrock Drive, spoke in support of the high school project.

David Beneman, 105 Spurwink Road and Chair of the Board of Education thanked the members of the High School Facilities Committee. He went on to speak in support of the high school project. Chairman Messer thanked Mr. Beneman for his leadership as Chair of the High School Facilities Committee.

Paula Fowler Kilby, 113 Maple Avenue, spoke in support of the high school project.

Sean Flaherty, 219 Black Point Road, spoke again in support of the high school project.

There being no further comments, Chairman Messer closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Item 4. Council Member Comments.

1. Councillor Maroon stated that he supports both issues.

2. Councillor Foley-Ferguson stated that she supports both issues.

3. Councillor Most read the following statement from the SEDCO Board:

“The Board of Directors of the Scarborough Economic Development Corporation met today at their regular monthly Board meeting. One topic of discussion was the referendum question appearing on the November 5 ballot concerning the change to the Town Charter. This change would allow an exception to the \$400,000 limitation on capital expenditures. Currently, streets, sidewalks, or storm or sanitary sewers are exempt. This would add other public facilities to the these exceptions.

The current \$ 400,000 limitation severely limits the Council’s ability to proceed with the Haigis Parkway/Exit 6 infrastructure development if it (the Council) votes to move forward with the project. The SEDCO Board and staff feel that adding this exception to allow the Council to expend funds in excess of \$400,000 for other public utilities to the charter is the most expeditious way to guarantee the most cost effective and timely completion to the Haigis Parkway/Exit 6 infrastructure development program.”

Councillor Most stated that she supports both referenda questions.

4. Councillor Ross stated that he supports the school project.

5. Chairman Messer thanked everyone for his or her comments. He went on to make further comments in support of the high school project.

Item 5. Adjournment. Motion by Councillor O’Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ross, to adjourn the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 6 Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk