

Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2017
Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall

Immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Town Council Public Hearing on Charter Revision Commission Proposed Report

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Fire Exit Notification
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment on Agenda Item
5. To consider and act upon the following proposed changes to the Town of Plymouth Charter for placement on the ballot for the November 2017 Election as follows:

- a. Chapter III Section 3. Delete last three sentences.
- b. Chapter VI Section 4 Subsection 2. Delete and renumber subsections.
- c. Chapter VII Section 3b. Change title from “Annual Budget Referendum” to “Annual Budget Approval Process”. Delete this section and substitute the following: “In the event the proposed budget is not more than three percent (3%) higher or lower than the current year’s original approved budget, the Town Council may consider and approve the same by a majority vote. If the proposed budget is more than three percent (3%) higher or lower than the current year’s original approved budget, then the council shall schedule a budget referendum to be held on or before May 3 for adopting a budget. The budget shall be accepted or rejected by a majority ballot vote cast by the electors and qualified taxpayers at the referendum. In the event of a budget rejection, the town council is authorized to adopt a budget by June 15. Council adjustments to the budget excluding debt service shall not be more than three percent (3%) higher or lower than the current year’s original approved budget. At the time the budget is adopted, the Board of Finance shall file the same with the Town Clerk and shall also fix the tax rate in mills which shall be levied on the taxable property in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year.”
- d. Chapter IX Section 3 Subsection 2. Delete the second sentence of this subsection and substitute the following: “All meetings and minutes of meetings shall be conducted in recorded in accordance with established rules of parliamentary procedure and shall include “Public Comment” as an agenda item. The Town Council shall also include “Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items” as an agenda item which may be combined with the “Public Comment” agenda item. Each board or commission as well as the Town Council may adopt a rule which limits the amount of time a speaker may speak during the Public Comment agenda item or in the case of the Town Council, the Public Comment on Non-Agenda items. Boards, commissions and the Town Council may use their own by-laws, rules or regulations pertaining to the allowance of Public Comment on agenda items.”

Chapter III Section 3. Delete the third sentence of this Section and substitute the following: “All meetings of the Town Council for the transaction of business shall be open to the public which public shall have input in accordance with Chapter IX Section 3 Subsection 3 as amended.”

6. Adjournment

Mayor

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