

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING RENTAL RATES FOR THE USE OF THE
AUDITORIUM

July 14, 1998

Council Chambers

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President Rob Bouvier called the hearing to order at 7:07
P.M.

Present were Councilors Holly Abery-Wetstone, Rob Bouvier,
Kevin Connors, Carl Donatelli, Liz Gillette, Patrick McCabe,
Jim O'Brien, John Shulansky and Al Turco.

President Bouvier: Mr. Feldman, is there a presentation
from the administration?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, just very briefly. The ordinance
that you have before you essentially brings into compliance
with all other leisure services fees those fees that are set
for the Town Hall Auditorium and as I'm sure you all know,
too, that for subsequent fee changes it will be done by
resolution.

President Bouvier: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Any questions
from the Council? Mr. Donatelli.

Councilor Donatelli: Just one question for Mr. Feldman.
The only question I have is regarding the change from
requiring a deposit to the Town deserves the right, I'm just
wondering if you are going to hear people saying well
somebody knew somebody so they didn't have to leave a
deposit. What would be the case where you would waive it or
for certain groups?

Mr. Feldman: Well, I would assume there is always that
concern but sometimes that you get a rule that is so rigid,
there is a little bit of flexibility and a little bit of
common sense and good judgment that I think at times needs
to be exercised and lots of times we deal with groups who we
really do know quite well and to ask them for \$100.00
deposit isn't always as fair. We have very elaborate
procedures in all leisure services activities and this would
just be another opportunity to create more procedures but
they would be done with fairness and equity and just to make
sure that nobody feels like they are going to be slighted.

President Bouvier: I would imagine some of the non profits
that are utilizing the Auditorium are counting on the
revenues that they will earn that night to pay for that.

Mr. Feldman: Exactly, exactly and it at least gives a little
bit more flexibility to the people that manage the facility.

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President Bouvier: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Any other questions of the Council? The sign up sheet there is no one there. Anyone like to speak to rental rates at the Town Auditorium? If not, we will close the public hearing.

The hearing adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin
Town Clerk/Council Clerk