

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CHAPTER 160-5.C. (AREA REGULATIONS – COMMERCIAL)  
DECEMBER 8, 2017, 3:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

Town Council Members:

Mayor Langan, Vice Mayor Mais, Treasurer Bunting, Secretary Merritt, Council Member Carmean, Council Member Lee, Council Member Williams

Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, Building Official Schuchman, Administrative Assistant Martin, Police Clerk Ellinger

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Mayor Langan began the meeting by requesting Bill Weistling to read the proposed changes to Charter Section 34. Bill Weistling added that the current \$500,000 limit was initiated back in 1955, which is equivalent to about \$1.5 million in today's times.

Council Member Williams commented that he has no problem with the amount but would like to amend to a super majority council approval instead of a majority. Council Member Carmean added that a super majority vote would be better for emergency situations. Council Member Lee also is in favor of the super majority vote since as the change is written, any four Council Members could approve borrowing.

Secretary Merritt questioned if we ever had over four to vote. Town Manager Tieman responded no and added that the borrowing would only be used for emergency situations.

Council Member Williams stated that under \$500,000 is o.k. with a majority vote, but over \$500,000 borrowing should only be approved with a super majority vote. Council Member Lee agreed and said she feels more comfortable with a super majority vote.

Bill Weistling disagreed and said there is no need for a super majority vote. Vice Mayor Mais also agreed with Bill Weistling.

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Public Participation

Mike Quinn, 5 W. Houston Street – He is in favor of the borrowing limit, but would like to see it amended to a super majority vote.

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Adjournment

Motion – Secretary Merritt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Second – Vice Mayor Mais.

The hearing adjourned at 3:08 PM.