



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL

483 Great Neck Rd. South

Mashpee, MA 02469

Via Teleconference call

Regular Tribal Council Meeting

April 29, 2020

Approved 5/13/20

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Cromwell **OPEN PRAYER-** Brian Weeden
Chairman Cedric Cromwell called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council at 5:39 pm
Regular Session began 5:39 pm
Adjourned at: 8:00pm

I. HOUSEKEEPING

Attendance: Winnie Johnson Graham, Cedric Cromwell, Brian Weeden, Jessie Baird, Gordon Harris, Rita Gonsalves, Carlton Hendricks Jr., Dave Weeden, Aaron Tobey Jr., Yvonne Avant, and Ann Marie Askew (Quorum 11)

Guests: Rebekah Salguero

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence today's Regular Tribal Council meeting on April 29, 2020 at 5:39 pm via teleconference . All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve with edits today's regular Tribal Council meeting agenda on Wednesday April 20, 2020. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and Approve with edits Tribal Council meeting minutes for Wednesday 4/22/20. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Secretary Askew to table Tribal Council Meeting minutes for Wednesday 4/22/20. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Public Comment- Aaron Tobey

Committees, Commissions and resignations

II. Old Business

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-019 Resolution approving Agreement with Central Monitoring Signet Electronic Systems and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for service to the Tribal Museum. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-031 Resolution Approving Agreement with Central Monitoring – Signet Electronic Systems and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for services for the Old Meeting House Authority (OIMHA). All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilwoman Gonsalves, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

III. New Business--Tribal Officers take a layoff- (Councilman Hendricks).

Motion made by Councilman Hendricks and by Councilman B. Weeden for tribal officers take a lay off effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Hendricks proposed that the Tribal officers take a layoff and sign up for unemployment and with the extra funding that unemployment offers due to the pandemic, it would provide pay that would be comparable to what officers now

receive Councilman Hendricks suggested that the money that is used for officer's salaries could be earmarked for direct services for the elders. Also that we have been operating for 18 months without a budget, and we're about to have an election in February with no budget for 2020, and over 20 Million dollars was spent. There would also be an expectation for the officers who would be laid off to still report to work because it's their constitutional obligation to perform their duties.

Treasurer Harris explained that IDC money could not be allocated to client services, and that the tribe would no longer collect the funding for the officers through IDC. It was also explained that it would be illegal to layoff an employee and expect them to return back to work.

Vice Chair Baird joined the call at 7:01 pm

Motion made by Councilman Tobey and 2nd by Councilman Hendricks to amend the motion to include Tribal Council salaries and Stipends be suspended until a budget is approved by the General Body and if it is approved the pay would be retroactive.

Motion made by Councilman D. Weeden and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to table the motion. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman B. Weeden, Councilman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, and Councilwoman Avant. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Gonsalves requested that we see a budget ASAP.

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve a Tribal Council meeting for Wednesday 5/6/20 via Teleconference from 5:30- 8:00 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Vice Chair Baird, and Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 3rd by Councilman D. Weeden to accept and approve Tribal Council Meeting for Wednesday 5/13/20 via teleconference from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve Tribal Council meeting for Wednesday 5/26/20 via teleconference from 5:30-8:00 pm. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve 2020-RES-032 approval of request to assume historic Preservation function and appointment of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Treasurer Harris, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those who recused were Councilman D. Weeden. All those who opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve 2020-RES-033 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the submittal of an application for Tribal Preparedness Enhancement money. Unanimous by all those present. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chair Baird and 2nd by Councilman B. Weeden to accept and approve the COVID-19- BIA Cares Act budget for Tribal departments and Governments. All those in favor were Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Vice Chair Baird, Councilman B. Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman D. Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, and Secretary Askew. All those opposed were Councilman Hendricks. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman B. Weeden and 2nd by Vice Chair Baird to adjourn tonight's Tribal Council meeting at 8:00 pm. Unanimous by all those present by the sign of "Ayes" Motion passed.