

Cape Elizabeth Town Council

2021 Organizational Caucus Agenda

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Online

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COVID-19 Update

In response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) the Governor signed <u>LD</u> 2167, An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, which is now PL 2019, c. 617.

Part G enacts Title 1, section 403-A, Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19. It authorizes conducting public proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation with specific conditions. The section is repealed 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency.

Participation at Meetings and Conduct of Meetings

Workshop Meetings

The purpose of a workshop meeting is primarily for council dialogue involving reports and proposals from council members, committees and staff that may be considered at later Town Council meetings. The Town Council may give guidance to the chairman and to staff at workshop meetings but no decisions may be made that require formal votes. Not withstanding the prior sentence, the Town Council may vote on procedural motions at a workshop meeting to determine a conflict of interest, to enter into executive session and to adjourn. Prior to Town Council discussion on any item, members of the public may speak on each agenda item for not more than three minutes each and up to a total of 15 minutes. If there are more speakers than the time available, the chairman may allocate the speaking time in order to balance the debate. The public participation portion shall conclude when the Town Council begins its discussions.

Decorum

Persons present at Council meetings shall not applaud or otherwise express approval or disapproval of any statements made or actions taken at such meeting. Persons at Council meetings may only address the Town Council after being recognized by the chairman.

Opportunity for Public Comment (Limited to 15 minutes; 3 minutes per person. Time may be extended by a majority of the town council.) Persons wishing to address the council shall indicate their desire using the Raise Hand function of the Zoom meeting. When recognized by the chairman, the speaker shall give his or her name and address or local affiliation, if the affiliation is pertinent.

1. The 2021 Town Council will convene for the following:

- Organizational Caucus
- Schedule Orientation of New Council Members
- Review of the 2021 Meetings Calendar
- Review of the FY 2022 Budget Review Schedule Consideration of starting budget workshops at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment