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City of Belfast
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Belfast City Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
6:00 P.M.

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Samantha Paradis; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley, Paul Dean, and City Manager Joseph Slocum.

3) Adoption of the agenda

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adopt the agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

4) Agenda:

A. Discussion and possible action on the Mayor’s guest column in the Village Soup news paper last week and on Council procedures and behavior.

Mayor Paradis read City Council Ground Rules adopted by the Council on October 2, 2018.

Councilors provided statements regarding the reasoning for calling the meeting and concerns with the Mayor’s guest column.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion pursuant to Article 3 Section 3 of the City Charter the Council hereby modifies the Mayors authorized duties as the Council of the City of Belfast has lost confidence in the ability of the Mayor to properly represent the actions or inactions of the Belfast City Council and accordingly would declare that until further notice the Mayor of Belfast is not authorized to speak on behalf of the Belfast City Council. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilors and Mayor discussed membership to the Mayor’s Coalition.

Mayor Paradis requested that the issue be postponed and discussed at an upcoming regular Council Meeting.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to reverse the prior decision to participate in the Mayor’s Coalition, along with several other municipalities within the State, and to direct the City Manager to arrange for the City’s withdrawal of its membership from that group. This motion was approved, 3-2 (Councilors Harkness and Dean opposed).

5) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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