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City of Belfast
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Belfast City Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
5:30 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 Sanders, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to adopt the agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

4) Agenda:

A. Request to go into Executive Session on an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to go into Executive Session on an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 5:31 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session on an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 7:00 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

B. Discussion on bonding for the new Public Works Facility and Solar Field on Crocker Rd.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, explained the borrowing process in more detail, recommending the Council consider bonding for 28 years.

Councilors discussed the bonding options.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to support the bond funding for 8.4 million over 28 years. This motion was approved, 5-0.

C. Further consideration of staff written comments on State Legislation that was discussed during the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19th.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed staff concerns, requesting Council support for raising concerns regarding these two pieces of legislation.

Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, discussed LD620 with the Council.

Councilors discussed their position on LD620.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to authorize City staff to testify at the hearing on February 28th in opposition of LD 620 as written because of concerns addressed by Council and staff, including defining a body of water. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, discussed LD197 with the Council.

Councilors discussed their position on LD197.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to authorize City staff draft a letter on behalf of the Council to the bill sponsors, Rep. Sylvester and Rep. Dodge, to express, not opposition at this point, but concerns about the make-up of the group to include a tribal representative and the definitions of agriculture vs. aquaculture, and the LD199 is a better approach. This motion was approved, 5-0.

5) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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