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City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Executive Session 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to go into Executive Session on an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 6:30 p.m. This motion was approved, 4-0.

Councilor Mortier, 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 6:54 p.m. This motion was approved, 4-0.

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing #1

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to hear an application by 3 J's and A G, Inc. d/b/a Darby's Restaurant located at 155 High Street, Belfast, Maine for a Malt Spirituous and Vinous Restaurant Class liquor license, interior only.

Councilor Harkness asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Public Hearing #2

Pursuant to the Special Amusement Ordinance of the City of Belfast and the provision of Title 28-A Section 1054 MRSA a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter on an application for a Special Amusement Permit for 3 J's and A G, Inc. d/b/a Darby's Restaurant for Live Music, DJ, Karaoke, all Live Entertainment, and dancing located at 155 High Street, Belfast, Maine, interior only.

Councilor Harkness asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Regular Council Meeting No. 18

1) Call to order

2) **Present:** Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean; City Manager Joseph Slocum and Admin. Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

Absent: Mayor Samantha Paradis and Councilor Eric Sanders.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

Councilor Hurley requested to amend the agenda as follows:

- Add item **10) J #1** Discussion on wireless access along the Harbor Walk.
- Add item **10) G #1** Discussion on repairing siding on the Police Department building.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adopt the agenda, as amended. This motion was approved, 4-0.

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2019 and Special City Council Meeting of March 14, 2019.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2019 and Special City Council Meeting of March 14, 2019. This was approved, 4-0.

6) A. Open to the public

1. Joanne Moesswilde of Belfast discussed the proposed Paul Naron waterfront project and how to work together to address public access.

B. Organization and Department Reports

1. Executive Director of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, Steve Ryan, provided an organization update.

7) Communications

Councilor Hurley provided an update on the Job Fair and discussed City representation at the event.

Councilor Dean inquired about City staff job descriptions.

Councilor Harkness discussed the loss of Belfast resident.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed an increase in Brown Tail Moth population in Belfast region, discussed testifying in August regarding municipal revenue sharing and informed the Council of the upcoming ribbon cutting at the new court house.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

No comments.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve an application by 3 J's and A G, Inc. d/b/a Darby's Restaurant located at 155 High Street, Belfast, Maine for a Malt Spirituous and Vinous Restaurant Class liquor license, interior only.
- B. Request to approve an application for a Special Amusement Permit for 3 J's and A G, Inc. d/b/a Darby's Restaurant for Live Music, DJ, Karaoke, all Live Entertainment, and dancing located at 155 High Street, Belfast, Maine, interior only.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the consent agenda. This motion was approved, 4-0.

10) Business

A) Presentation on proposed amendments to Chapter 102, Zoning, Article 8, Supplementary District Regulations, Division 7, Significant Groundwater Well Permit.

City Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, provided an overview of the proposed amendments.

B) Public Hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 102, Article 8, Supplementary District Regulations, Division 7, Significant Groundwater Well Permits.

Councilor Harkness asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

C) Discussion and possible vote by the Council on proposed amendments to Chapter 102, Article 8, Supplementary District Regulations, Division 7, Significant Groundwater Wells permits.

Councilors discussed with the City Planner the regulatory purpose of these ordinance amendments.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the Second Reading on amendments to Chapter 102, Article 8, Supplementary District Regulations, Division 7, Significant Groundwater Wells permits, as presented. This motion was approved, 4-0.

D) Acceptance of bids and possible award of bid for the possible purchase of all City street lights and retrofitting them with LED's.

City Planner, Sadie Lloyd Mudge, explained the request noting that the Energy Committee is recommending the Council award the bid to Ten Connected Solutions.

Councilors discussed the proposals in detail, unanimously supporting the Energy Committee's recommendation.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed with Council possible funding.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the bids and to award the bid to Ten Connected Solutions for \$290,000 for the purchase of all City street lights and retrofitting them with LED's, funding is to come from Undesignated Fund Balance. This motion was approved, 4-0.

E) Request from Our Town Belfast for permission to install temporary poetry written on downtown sidewalks that would only be visible when wet.

Executive Director of Our Town Belfast, Zach Schmesser, explained the request and answered Council questions.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from Our Town Belfast to install temporary poetry written on downtown sidewalks that would only be visible when wet. This motion was approved, 4-0.

F) Consideration of appointment of members to the Climate Committee.

Councilor Dean thanked the Committee for their recommendations and briefly discussed Article VI of the City Code of Ordinance regarding committee chairs.

Councilor Mortier thanked Lucky Greenleaf and Phil Brown for their service to the committee over the last year.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to appoint Mayor Samantha Paradis, Jon Beal, Sara Bennett, and Hank Reisner to one-year terms and Councilor Eric Sanders, Barbara Bell, Beverly Roxby and Emma Swartz to two-year terms on the Climate Committee. This motion was approved, 4-0.

G) Request from the Climate Committee to sponsor a food and entertainment event at the Boathouse in conjunction with Maine Sierra Club on Friday evening, May 3, 2019.

Beverly Roxby explained the request in more detail noting that the request is that the Maine Sierra Club is requesting that the City be a sponsor of the conference on Saturday, May 4, 2019 located at the Hutchinson Center and possibly consider participating in some way, she noted that no money would be required of the City to sponsor the event.

Councilors requested that they receive more information regarding the event when available.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the Maine Sierra Club to sponsor the conference they are holding at the Hutchinson Center on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This motion was approved, 4-0.

G) #1 Discussion on repairing siding on the Police Department building.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, updated the Council on plans to replace the siding.

H) Acceptance and award of #2 fuel bids.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, explained the request and recommended the Council award the bid to the lowest bidder Maritime Energy.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to accept the bids for #2 fuel and to award the bid to the lowest bidder Maritime Energy for \$2.3185 per gallon for November 2019 to July 2020. This motion was approved, 4-0.

I) Discussion on a possible market analysis for the expansion of residential and commercial opportunities in the downtown area.

Councilors discussed with the Economic Development Director areas of interest and how a market analysis could be useful to the City.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, recommended having an upcoming Work Session on Belfast Yards and market analysis.

J) Update from the City Director of Code and Planning on proposed Ordinance amendments for the Office Park Zoning District.

City Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, updated the Council on the delay in addressing Council request and recommended the Council bring these Ordinance amendments for a Second Reading on April 2nd.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing and Second Reading on proposed Ordinance amendments for the Office Park Zoning District for Tuesday, April 2nd. This motion was approved, 4-0.

J) #1 Discussion on wireless access along the Harbor Walk.

Councilors discussed with the Economic Development Director the possibility of looking into options for increased Wi-Fi availability along the Harbor Walk.

Alan Hinsey, Director of Marketing and Sales for LCI discussed options that they have done in other municipalities to increase Wi-Fi availability in areas that are utilized for summer events and recreation.

K) Consideration of a request from the Broadband Committee to join the Next Century Cities organization to secure free support and information for municipalities who want to ensure that everyone has fast, affordable and reliable internet access.

Councilor Mortier, explained the request and what this organization can offer the City of Belfast as they look at broadband

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the request from the Broadband Committee to join the Next Century Cities organization to secure free support and information regarding ensuring everyone has fast, affordable and reliable internet access.

Councilor Harkness requested to amend the motion, to authorize Council Mortier as the elected official on the Broadband Committee to formally submit the request, Councilor Hurley accepted the amendment.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the request from the Broadband Committee to join the Next Century Cities organization to secure free support and information regarding ensuring everyone has fast, affordable and reliable internet access. This motion was approved, 4-0.

L) Update on shore access at Highview Terrace.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, provided a brief update.

M) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Open to the Public

1. Ethan Andrews, reporter for the Republican Journal noted that he would be now reporting for the Free Press.

12) Communications

City Director of Code and Planner, Wayne Marshall, updated the Council on Contract Rezoning requests for Reservoir Ventures and Volunteers of America.

Councilor Hurley inquired about having additional City garbage bins for recycling and inquired about the budget and requested Council discussion on the budget at the next Council Meeting.

Councilors thanked Councilor Harkness for Chairing the Meeting.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. This motion was approved, 4-0.

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