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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Regular Council Meeting No. 22

1) Call to order

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

Absent: Admin. Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Adoption of the agenda

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, requested to add to the Consent Agenda item **9) C** Request by the Belfast Fire Chief to appoint a per-diem paramedic to the Belfast Fire Department.

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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of May 7, 2019.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of May 7, 2019. This was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

No public comments.

B. Organization and Department Reports

1. Gianne Conard, President of the Board of Directors for Waterfall Arts introduced their new Executive Director, Kim Fleming.
2. Kim Fleming, Executive Director of Waterfall Arts, invited the Council to the Opening Reception at Waterfall Arts.
3. Stephanie Feist, CEO of the Waldo County YMCA, invited the Council to participate in upcoming community events that they host throughout the spring/summer.

7) Communications

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed the following:

- Updated the Council on the MDOT Goose River Bridge project.
- Reminded the Council of the upcoming tour of the Fiberight facility.
- Informed the public that the Masonic Building will be painted next week.
- Discussed scheduling for the budget and Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Councilor Harkness discussed the loss of local figure James Bryant.

Councilor Hurley provided an update on the All Roads Music Festival.

Councilor Sanders discussed the recent news that RSU #71 will be changing the school schedule next year so that every Friday will be half days to allow for professional development days.

Mayor Paradis discussed a recent visit to the Game Loft, meeting with a local Girl Scout Troop, an upcoming meeting with Sweetser to discuss their capital campaign, and discussed concerns with violation of HIPPA.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

Councilor Hurley provided an update from the Energy Committee.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed setting up a date to conduct committee interviews for the Comprehensive Plan.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve an application for 6 coin operated machines for The Crusty Crab LLC d/b/a Front Street Pub located at 37 Front Street, Belfast, ME.
- B. Request to approve an off premises catering permit for The Otis Group Inc. d/b/a Rollie's Bar & Grill for the Business After Hours event located at Bangor Savings Bank, 106 Main Street, Belfast on May 15, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

C. Request by the Belfast Fire Chief to appoint a per-diem paramedic to the Belfast Fire Department.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the consent agenda, as amended. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

A) Consideration of a First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 39, which would prohibit parking on the Western side of Church Street between Anderson Street and Market Street.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, briefly discussed the proposed amendments.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 39, which would prohibit parking on the Western side of Church Street between Anderson Street and Market Street, as presented, with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on June 4, 2019. This was approved, 5-0.

B) Consideration of the First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 44, “Stop Signs” to make the intersection of Church Street and Market Street a four-way stop intersection.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, briefly discussed the proposed amendments.

Councilor Harkness discussed input from the Deputy Chief of Police regarding the proposed amendments.

Mayor Paradis discussed with Councilors whether or not a three way stop would be better suited.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 44, Stop Signs, which would make the intersection of Church Street and Market Street a four-way stop intersection, as presented, with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on June 4, 2019. This was approved, 5-0.

C) Consideration of a First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 58-11.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, briefly discussed the proposed amendments.

Councilors discussed reasoning for addressing this traffic ordinance.

Councilor Dean noted that once passed the City might want to consider signage indicating the change.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the First Reading of proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 58, Section 58-11, as presented, with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on June 4, 2019. This was approved, 5-0.

D) Request from Parks and Recreation Director, Norm Poirier, to purchase a handicap lift for the public pool at City Park.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, briefly reviewed the memo from the Parks and Recreation Director.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the request from the Parks and Recreation Director to expend up to \$5,500 to purchase a handicap lift for the public pool at City Park with funding to come from the Parks Maintenance account 610-585. This was approved, 5-0.

E) Presentation by Wayne Marshall, Director of Code and Planning, on a proposed Second Reading of a Contract Rezoning Agreement with Volunteers of America of Northern New England to redevelop the former Group Home Foundation property at 80 High Street.

Director of Code & Planning, Wayne Marshall, reviewed the proposed amendments

F) Public Hearing on a proposed Second Reading of a Contract Rezoning Agreement with Volunteers of America of Northern New England to redevelop the former Group Home Foundation property at 80 High Street.

Mayor Paradis asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, noted that no comments were submitted via email or in writing prior to tonight's hearing.

G) Discussion and possible vote on a proposed Second Reading of a Contract Rezoning Agreement with Volunteers of America of Northern New England to redevelop the former Group Home Foundation property at 80 High Street.

Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, noted that no changes have been made from the First Reading to the Second Reading.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the Second Reading of a Contract Rezoning Agreement with Volunteers of America of Northern New England to redevelop the former Group Home Foundation property located at 80 High Street, as presented. This was approved, 5-0.

H) Discussion on Elections parking and accessibility.

City Clerk, Amy Flood, discussed parking and election locations with the Council, requesting Council direction on how to proceed.

City Council directed the City Clerk to look into an alternative location for Elections, specifically the Tarratine Tribe and the Crosby Center, and report back to the City Council.

Mayor Paradis requested that City staff inquire with Wabanaki REACH and or Penobscot Nation regarding if they have any suggestion about how to refer to the Tarratine Tribe facility if the City was to consider holding an Election at their building, Council unanimously agreed, noting that anything requiring more in-depth discussion on the matter be put on a future agenda.

I) Request from Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, for authority to apply for a Connect ME planning grant to assist with Belfast Broadband planning efforts, supporting the Broadband committee's effort to bring high-speed Internet to every resident of the City of Belfast.

Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, explained the request and answered Council questions.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to authorize the submission of a grant application, and have the City Manager sign any required documentation as part of that submission; provide the Economic Development Director and/or the Broadband Committee with the discretion to commit up to the entire remaining balance of previously-allocated broadband funds as matching funds for this grant application; and have the City Manager sign a letter documenting the commitment of matching funds (to be drafted at a later date by the Economic Development Director). This was approved, 5-0.

Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, provided an update on wireless access along the waterfront.

J) Further discussion on the treasurer's request to sell two parcels of tax foreclosed properties.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed how to pursue a land trust with Councilors, recommending at this time putting these two parcels out to bid.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the City Treasurer to put out to bid the sale of two parcels of tax foreclosed properties. This was approved, 5-0.

K) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

Council Order #59 Signed by Councilor Hurley, Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$250 for the Climate Change Committee to attend the Beaches Conference in June 2019. Funding is to come from account 100-502. (Approved April 16, 2019)

Council Order #63 Signed by Councilor Hurley, Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$500 toward travel expenses to the Philippines and Indonesia as part of the ACYPL political exchange program. Funding is to come from account 100-502. (Approved December 18, 2018)

11) Open to the Public

1. Jackson Winslow of Belmont thanked the Council for their work, noting he is a Political Science student and has found watching the meetings very educational.

12) Communications

Councilor Harkness discussed painting of the crosswalk on High Street and the naming and signage of the canoe launch on Swan Lake Ave., as Walter Ash Park and to hold a ceremony.

Councilor Hurley provided an update on the Belfast Street Party to be held on August 6th and discussed office is moving on May 31st to the mini mall next to the Colonial Theatre.

Mayor Paradis requested that the Belfast Creative Coalition update the art in the Chambers.

City Manager, Joseph Slocum, discussed scheduling Comprehensive Planning Committee interviews, Council unanimously agreed to hold all twelve interviews on June 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

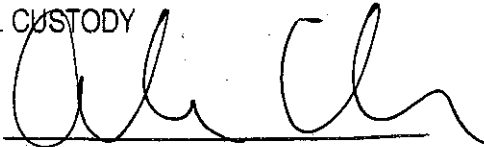
City Manager, Joseph Slocum, briefly discussed proposed schedule for upcoming Budget Meetings.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE