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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

All City Council Meetings will be conducted online using Zoom and can be streamed on the City website at www.cityofbelfast.org. They will air live on BEL TV as well as on Belfast Community Radio WBFY 100.9.

Public Hearing #1

Pursuant to Belfast Victualer License ordinance a public hearing will held on May 18th 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at Belfast City Hall on the following applications for a Victualer License renewal, due to expire May 31, 2021.

Theodore Rakis	d/b/a	Alexia’s Pizza
American Legion Post #43	d/b/a	American Legion Post #43
Carlos Laurel	d/b/a	Bay Wrap
B&F Footlong, LLC	d/b/a	Subway
Douglas Johnson	d/b/a	Belfast Co-op
Douglas Coffin	d/b/a	Belfast Curling Club
Joseph Benjamin	d/b/a	Belfast Variety Rt 52
Jojo Olipant	d/b/a	Bell The Cat, INC.
CN Brown Company	d/b/a	Big Apple
Michael Bowen	d/b/a	Bowen’s Tavern LLC
Penelle Chase	d/b/a	Chase’s Daily
David Crabiel	d/b/a	Chocolate Drop Candy Shop
C. Courtney Sanders	d/b/a	Daily Soup
Cory & Lisa Chase	d/b/a	Darby’s Restaurant
Lisa Mosher	d/b/a	Dockside Family Restaurant
Danny Costa	d/b/a	Dunkin Donuts
Hannaford Bros. Co., LLC	d/b/a	Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy
Dan Jones	d/b/a	Laan Xang Café
Napoli PSC Series LLC	d/b/a	McDonald’s Restaurant
Allesandro Scelsi	d/b/a	Meanwhile in Belfast
Michelle Berry	d/b/a	Moonbat City Baking Co. LLC.
Rosamond Peters	d/b/a	Nautilus Seafood and Grill LLC
Randall Collins VFW Post 3108	d/b/a	Randall Collins VFW Post 3108
Nutjarin Sukkasemsri	d/b/a	Rice & Noodle Thai Restaurant
The Otis Group Incorporated	d/b/a	Rollie’s Bar & Grill
Michael Casby	d/b/a	Trillium Events/Trillium Caterers
Keith Pooler President	d/b/a	Waldo County Shrine Club
Denise Fuller	d/b/a	Wasse’s Hot Dogs
Ryan Cowan	d/b/a	Wild Cow Creamery
Raymond Young	d/b/a	Young’s Lobster Pound
Alexia & Nathaniel Clifford	d/b/a	Alden House

Cathy Heffentrager	d/b/a	The Jeweled Turret Inn
Kelly Matthews	d/b/a	The Nightfall Inn

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

Public Hearing #2

Pursuant to Belfast Bed & Breakfast License Ordinance a public hearing will be held on May 18th 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at Belfast City Hall on the following applications for a B&B Class 1 or 2 licenses to expire May 31, 2021

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Cathy Heffentrager	d/b/a	The Jeweled Turret Inn
Kelly Matthews	d/b/a	The Nightfall Inn

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

Public Hearing #3

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WDQ Inc.	d/b/a	Belfast Dairy Queen, INC.
Ronald Benjamin	d/b/a	Belfast Variety, INC.
Zai Yong Zhu	d/b/a	China One
Mac's Convenience Stores	d/b/a	Circle K #4707011
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Victor Flick Corp	d/b/a	Colonial Theater
Jennifer Whitson	d/b/a	Crumb's Provision's
Anthony Jacovino	d/b/a	Delvino's Grill & Pasta House
Nathaniel Baer	d/b/a	Downshift Coffee LLC
Anthony Jacovino	d/b/a	Front Street Pub
Kevin Barrett	d/b/a	Jack's Grocery
Penobscot Shores Assoc	d/b/a	Penobscot Shores Association
George Darling	d/b/a	Perry's Nut House
Kristopher Hogg	d/b/a	Perennial Cider Bar & Farm Kitchen
Sarah Waldron	d/b/a	Neighborhood Belfast, LLC
Douglas Coffin	d/b/a	Tarratine Tribe #13 I O R M
Raymelle Moody-Guthrie	d/b/a	The Moody Dog
Traci Mailloux	d/b/a	Traci's Diner

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Regular Council Meeting No. 22

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Eric Sanders, Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean; City Manager Erin Herbig and Admin. Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2021.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2021. This was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

City Manager Erin Herbig noted that Council received 0 emails and 0 postal mail, prior to the start of the Council meeting to be included as part of the Open to the Public.

1. Paul Tacilet with American Cruise Lines is here to speak to item **10) I.**

B. Organization and Department Reports

City Manager Erin Herbig notified the public that the next City Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 pm and that City facilities will be closed on Memorial Day.

7) Communications

Councilor Hurley requested that Council and staff be more proactive in the future development of the Stag property.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

No comments.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

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D. Request to approve a renewal application by Jojo Olophant d/b/a Bell The Cat, Inc. located at 15 Belmont Ave., Belfast, Maine for a Malt and Vinous Restaurant (Class I-IV) Qualified Catering license, interior only.

E. Request to approve a Lunch Wagon License permit application by Robert Rothwell d/b/a Bob’s Ugly Bagels located at 15 Front Street, Belfast, Maine, license to expire on December 31, 2021.

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

10) Business

A) Request from Wastewater Superintendent to adopt a Sewer Abatement Policy.

Wastewater Superintendent Annaleis Hafford reviewed the proposed policy and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier inquired about changing the appeal time from 90 days to 30 days, Council unanimously agreed to the suggested amendment to the policy.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the proposed Sewer Abatement Policy, as amended at the meeting. This motion was approved, 5-0.

*Current Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Steve Ryan, provided an update regarding the search for the new Executive Director.

Councilors thanked Mr. Ryan for his years serving the community through the role of Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

B) Consideration of a plan to install an improved pump station monitoring system.

Wastewater Superintendent Annaleis Hafford reviewed possible plans to install an improved pump stations monitoring system and requested Council feedback on how they would like to proceed.

Councilors and City Manager discussed possible avenues for funding to complete this plan.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to authorize the Wastewater Superintendent to create a long-term plan that would provide a more resilient automated alarm notification system for pump station monitoring and to submit the plan to the Department of Environmental Protection for approval. This motion was approved, 5-0.

C) Presentation from the Economic Development Director regarding an application to the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program Grant on behalf of G O Logic LLC.

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge presented an overview of the CDBG Economic Development Program and briefly summarized the current grant application effort.

Alan Gibson, Owner of GO Logic LLC, discussed the project for which he planned to use the grant funds if they were awarded, and how that project would fit overall into the construction of their new facility at the Belfast Airport Business Park. At this facility GO Logic would produce panels for buildings, and they would use the grant funds to acquire new equipment that would allow for the movement of materials and built products, and for the manipulation of framing, walls, and floors on the facility's shop floor.

D) Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program Grant Application on behalf of G O Logic LLC.

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge read the following public hearing notice:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THE CITY OF BELFAST

The City of Belfast will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021, as part of its regularly scheduled City Council meeting, which begins at 6:30pm on that date, at Belfast City Hall, 131 Church Street, Belfast, Maine, to discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for an Economic Development Program Grant. The purpose of the grant application is to provide financial assistance to GO Logic LLC to allow them to purchase specialized business equipment. Public comments will be solicited at this Hearing and will be submitted as part of the application. All persons wishing to make comments or ask questions about the grant application are invited to participate in this Public Hearing.

Persons wishing to participate in this Public Hearing will be able to by means of Zoom's webinar feature, accessed via a website link to the City Council Zoom meeting; this weblink can be found on the City of Belfast's website at www.cityofbelfast.org in its News Flash module, in advance of the meeting. When it is time for a person to have their opportunity to speak, the host will accept them into the meeting. There is no registration requirement in order to utilize Zoom's webinar feature. In addition, for those who may be experiencing technical difficulties, there will be a phone number listed next to the website link that persons who wish to participate in the Public Hearing can call. Persons will be able to participate in this Public Hearing via audio only.

Comments may be submitted in writing to: Thomas Kittredge, Economic Development Director for the City of Belfast, Belfast City Hall, 131 Church Street, Belfast Maine, 04915; or via email to: economicdevelopment@cityofbelfast.org at any time prior to the Public Hearing. TDD/TTY users may call 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City of Belfast's programs or services, please contact Thomas Kittredge at (207) 338-3370, extension 116, so that accommodations can be made.

Mayor Sanders asked for proponents and opponents.

Economic Development Director noted that he received the no written comments prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Sanders declared the hearing closed.

E) Discussion and possible action regarding an application to the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program Grant on behalf of G O Logic LLC.

Councilor Bonneville expressed support for the application and for GO Logic being in Belfast, and how they have added to the business diversity of the community.

Councilor Harkness expressed support for the application, and expressed gratitude for the diverse, resilient economy that Belfast has, and how GO Logic is a fantastic example of an innovative, entrepreneurial company, one that the City should support.

Councilor Dean expressed support for the application. He was also concerned about the competition for these grant funds, and wondered what the City could do to provide additional help for the application. Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge was not able to provide an example of a specific additional effort, but he explained how the City was working closely with GO Logic staff on this application and how they have put it together, and the extensive citizen participation process that has been undertaken.

Councilor Mortier thanked Alan Gibson for participating in the meeting and for his commitments to the community, and also asked him for an update regarding the timeline for the construction of their new facility. Alan Gibson indicated that the building site had been cleared, a geotechnical report has been produced, and the facility is being designed. He is waiting for final designs/specifications and he is in discussions with his lender, which is going well. He is expecting to get permits and break ground during the summer.

Councilor Hurley referred to GO Logic as an amazing success story. He also expressed support for the development of the Belfast Airport Business Park, where GO Logic's new facility will be located. He felt that what GO Logic was doing was exciting and innovative and speaks well of Belfast, and thanked Alan Gibson.

Mayor Sanders related that equipment for quality manufacturing has been and is still quite expensive. He called GO Logic's new product amazing, and is looking forward to GO Logic breaking ground on their new facility, and he thanked Alan Gibson and wished him success.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to authorize the submission of an application to the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program Grant on behalf of G O Logic LLC; and authorize the City Manager to sign any documents related and necessary to the submission of the application. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Request from the Economic Development Director to approve Annual Reports for Congress Street and Wight Street Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing Districts.

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge explained that the City is required to report annually to MaineHousing regarding the status of the Housing TIF districts, which includes certifying that the public purpose of the district is being met; accounting for any sales of property within the district; certifying that rental units within the district have remained affordable; and certifying that the required housing affordability and other conditions of approval, including limitations on uses of tax increment revenues for approved development project costs, set forth in the Certificate of Approval issued by MaineHousing for the district and its development program are being maintained.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to approve the Annual Report for Tax Year April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021 for the Congress Street Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District; to approve the Annual Report for Tax Year April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021 for the Wight Street Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District; and to authorize the Economic Development Director to submit both of these approved reports to MaineHousing. This motion was approved, 5-0.

G) Request from the Chief of Police to confirm Jason Bradford as a part-time seasonal Parking Enforcement Attendant for the Belfast Police Department.

Chief of Police Gerry Lincoln reviewed his recommendation to hire Jason Bradford as a seasonal Parking Enforcement Attendant and introduced him to the Council and community of Belfast.

Jason Bradford thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Belfast.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to confirm Jason Bradford as a part-time seasonal Parking Enforcement Attendant for the Belfast Police Department. This motion was approved, 5-0.

H) Request for approval of the Election Warrant from the City Clerk for the June 8, 2021 Regional School Unit #71 Budget Referendum Election.

City Clerk Amy Flood reviewed the request regarding the upcoming June 8th Election.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to approve the Election Warrant from the City Clerk for the June 8, 2021 Regional School Unit #71 Budget Referendum Election. This motion was approved, 5-0.

I) Request from the American Cruise Lines to authorize the Independence to resume visits to Belfast for the 2021 season.

Harbor Master Kathy Pickering reviewed the request from American Cruise Lines.

Councilors discussed the request and thanked all for their thoughtful time and consideration of the request.

Sarah Flink, with the Cruise Maine Coalition and Paul Taiclet, with American Cruise Lines thanked Council for their support and expressed excitement to be back in Belfast for the season.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the request from the American Cruise Lines to authorize the Independence to resume visits to Belfast for the 2021 season. This motion was approved, 5-0.

J) New Facility Use Request by the Back and Forth to conduct a “Pirates Takeover Day” on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Parks and Recreation Director Norm Poirier reviewed the request by the Back and Forth to conduct a “Pirates Takeover Day.”

Councilors unanimously agreed not to support the request for funding at this time and urged the applicant to submit a request for funning during the budget next year if this becomes an annual event.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to accept the New Facility Use Request by the Back and Forth to conduct a “Pirates Takeover Day” on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. This motion was approved, 5-0.

K) Request from the Climate Crisis Committee for the Council to endorse LD 1659, An Act to Create the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator.

Bev Roxby, Climate Crisis Committee Member reviewed the committees request for the Council to endorse LD1659.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to accept the request from the Climate Crisis Committee to endorse LD 1659, An Act to Create the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator. This motion was approved, 5-0.

L) Request to approve a CMP pole permit for four existing poles and two new poles on Jesse Robbins Road.

No comments.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to approve the CMP pole permit for four existing poles and two new poles on Jesse Robbins Road , as presented. This motion was approved, 5-0.

W) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Communications

No comments.

12) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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