

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 21, 2010

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00PM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, STEPHEN J. MORGAN, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Butler, Bernier, Poulin, Jean, O'Connell, Cayer, Morgan, City Administrator Ed Barrett, and Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mercier. Absent/Excused: Mayor Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was offered at this time.

VOTE (346-2010)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 7, 2010, meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE - ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE FY2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD OF \$298,845.97

VOTE (347-2010)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Butler:

To approve the Resolve accepting and appropriating the FY2010 Homeland Security Grant award of \$298,845.97. Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE FOR CHAPEL STREET REGARDING PARKING METERS AND PARKING TIME REGULATED

VOTE (348-2010)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Butler:

To adopt the following amendments to the traffic schedule for Chapel Street:

Section 8 - Parking Meters – Time Limitations – 2 Hours

CHAPEL STREET ~~15 parking spaces on the westerly side between Lowell Street and Main Street.~~

**Section 32 – Parking Time Regulated
Monday through Friday – 2 Hours – 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

CHAPEL STREET On the westerly side beginning at a point 95’ from the northwest corner of Chapel St and Main St and extending northwesterly on Chapel St a distance of 395’ (to create 13 delineated perpendicular parking spaces excluding driveway and hydrant areas) Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).

Passed - Vote 7-0

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE FOR CHESTNUT STREET
REGARDING LOADING ZONES AND PARKING METERS**

VOTE (349-2010)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Butler:

To adopt the following amendments to the traffic schedule for Chestnut Street:

Section 3 – Loading Zones

CHESTNUT STREET ~~Odd numbered side southerly side between Lisbon St & Canal St Alley – 2 spaces, 30 minutes 6:00 AM to 12 PM~~

Section 8 - Parking Meters – Time Limitations – 2 Hours

CHESTNUT STREET 2 ~~7~~ parking spaces on the southerly side between Canal Street and Lisbon St.

LISBON STREET 6 parking spaces on the easterly side southerly from the intersection with Chestnut St.

6 parking spaces on the westerly side southerly from the intersection with Chestnut St.

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND SPECIAL
AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR VYBZ NIGHTCLUB & LOUNGE**

Council President Morgan opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this item. Council President Morgan then closed the hearing.

VOTE (350-2010)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Bernier:

To authorize the City Clerk’s Office to approve a new liquor license application and special amusement permit for Vybz Nightclub & Lounge, 347-353 Lisbon Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE
BUSINESSES ORDINANCE REGARDING DEFINITIONS FOR SHELTERS,
LODGING HOUSES AND BOARDING HOUSES**

Council President Morgan opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this item. Council President Morgan then closed the hearing.

VOTE (351-2010)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Jean:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 “Businesses”, Article I. “In General”, Section 22-2, Definitions, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the next regular City Council meeting.
Passed - Vote 7-0

**RESOLVE - APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR
81 LINCOLN STREET REAR**

VOTE (352-2010)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To approve the Resolve approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 81 Lincoln Street Rear.
Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Bernier opposed)

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Poulin mentioned that School Superintendent Leon Levesque attend his last School Committee meeting and that he had reported that he did a preliminary lay out the budget for the upcoming year and said that the city share of the budget should remain the same as last year.

APPOINTMENT TO THE 911 COMMITTEE

Councilor Cayer announced that he had resigned from serving on the 911 Committee when he learned that a family member was hired to work for the Lewiston-Auburn 911 Communications Center.

VOTE (353-2010)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Bernier:

To appoint Councilor Morgan to the 911 Committee to fill the current vacancy due to the resignation of Councilor Cayer. Passed - Vote 7-0

Councilor Morgan announced that the Citizens Satisfaction Survey is now online to take and the City of Lewiston wants to hear from its residents and encourages them to share their thoughts/opinions through an online "Citizens Satisfaction Survey." The survey link for online access can be found under "Special Notices" on the City's web site: www.lewistonmaine.gov The survey's purpose is to determine what residents think of provided city services and how they view the quality of life here. The City considers residents' views as critical in its effort to best utilize tax dollars and to plan and budget for Lewiston's future.

On behalf of the City Council, Councilor Morgan wished the citizens of Lewiston a happy and safe holiday season.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (354-2010)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405(6)(c), to discuss Real Estate negotiations, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:13pm and ended at 7:34pm.

VOTE (355-2010)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, second by Councilor Poulin:

To adjourn at 7:35 PM. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier, CMC
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine