

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 2, 2020

REGULAR MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE MARK A. CAYER, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Cayer, Councilors Khalid, Pettengill, Rea, Lajoie, Jensen, Clement and Gelinas, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

UPDATE ON CITY ACTIONS REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC SITUATION

Deputy City Administrator Denis D'Auteuil reported on that the Economic Development Department is making calls to businesses trying to ascertain what issues they are having and where they could use some assistance. He noted the state has streamlined the liquor licensing process to assist restaurants who want to conduct outside seating and service this summer. City Hall is open by appointment only at this point and the Treasurer's Office is taking appointments until 6:30pm for car registration. Staff will be assessing safety issues in a few weeks to see if the building can open without appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public offered comment at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SONDER & DRAM, 12 ASH STREET

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (147-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Gelinas:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for live entertainment to Sonder & Dram, 12 Ash Street.
Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Superintendent Todd Finn made a brief presentation noting the overall budget is \$88 million dollars which represents a 2.9% increase.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE TO REPEAL THE PORTION OF THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ORDINANCE REGARDING TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES FOR OUTER LISBON STREET

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (148-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

That the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66, “Streets and Sidewalks”, Article VI “Outer Lisbon Street Traffic Impact Fee”, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regular City Council meeting.

Passed - Vote 7-0

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, AMENDING SEC. 62-13 (b) (2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MATERIALS FROM MULTIPLE UNIT APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (149-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To hold a public hearing and give final approval to an Emergency Ordinance, Amending Sec. 62-13 (b) (2) of the Code of Ordinances regarding the collection of solid waste and recycling materials from multiple unit apartment buildings. Passed - Vote 7-0

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Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (150-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Clement:

To hold a public hearing and approve first passage of an Ordinance, Amending Sec. 62-13 (b) (2) of the Code of Ordinances regarding the collection of solid waste and recycling materials from multiple unit apartment buildings and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, AMENDING SEC. 22-36, LICENSES DENIED; APPEAL, TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICANTS ARE CURRENT ON ALL AMOUNTS OWED THE CITY

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (151-2020)

Motion by Councilor Khalid, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To approve the Emergency Ordinance, Amending Section 22-36, Licenses denied; appeal, to waive the requirement that business license applicants are current on all amounts owed the City. Passed – Vote 7-0

ORDINANCE, AMENDING SEC. 22-36, LICENSES DENIED; APPEAL, TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICANTS ARE CURRENT ON ALL AMOUNTS OWED THE CITY

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (152-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Gelinis:

To hold a public hearing and approve first reading of an Ordinance, Amending Section 22-36, Licenses denied; appeal, to waive the requirement that business license applicants are current on all amounts owed the City and to continue the public hearing to the next regular City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, ADOPTING THE LOCAL FOODS, LOCAL PLACES PLAN

VOTE (153-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To approve the Resolve, Adopting the Local Foods, Local Places Plan:

Whereas, the Lewiston community is seeking enhanced economic opportunities through strengthening access to local food while expanding market opportunities and infrastructure for farm and food businesses; and

Whereas, our residents, especially those facing economic challenges, also need enhanced access to healthy, local food; and

Whereas, the availability of healthy and locally produced food contributes to our economy and adds to the amenities offered by our community, assisting in the growth and vitality of our downtown and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the City was granted professional technical assistance through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Local Foods, Local Places Program to address the above listed needs and develop this plan; and

Whereas, a large group of local stakeholders, including representatives of the City and the Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn, devoted time and effort to develop a plan which promotes both the provision of healthy produce and local products to our community and enhancing our

local economy; and

Whereas, it is important that the City formally support this plan to ensure that its recommendations are pursued and implemented and that local food and agriculture is integrated into city planning and economic development strategies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the Local Foods, Local Places (LFLP) Action Plan developed with the technical assistance of the United States Department of Environmental Protection and through the efforts of community stakeholders including the Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn is hereby accepted and adopted and staff is directed to work to implement those recommendations within the plan specific to Lewiston City Government.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, ADOPTING CITY GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2020-2021

VOTE (154-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve the Resolve, Adopting the City Goals and Priorities for 2020-2021:

Whereas, shortly after each municipal election, the elected officials engage in a day long planning session to assist them in identifying the goals and priorities that they wish to pursue during their term; and

Whereas, this year's newly elected officials conducted such a session in February of this year; and

Whereas, a summary of that work was subsequently developed and reviewed by the City Council during several workshop sessions; and

Whereas, in spite of the requirements of the current pandemic emergency, it is essential that the Council also focus on longer term efforts and that the goals and priorities outlined in February remain at the forefront of the Council and staff's efforts;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the attached City Goals and Priorities for 2020-2021 are hereby adopted with the intent that they guide the overall efforts of the Council and city staff throughout the term of the current municipal officials.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

VOTE (155-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Gelinas:

To suspend Section 1, (a) of the Rules Governing the City Council, and to only hold one regular meeting during the month of July, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm and to hold only one regular meeting during the month of August, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00pm. Did Not Pass - Vote 0-7

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

VOTE (156-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Clement:

To appoint Dr. John Alexander to the area resident seat on the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee, term to expire January 3, 2023. Passed - Vote 7-0

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Rea reported the School Department is currently conducting a special education audit, planning enrichment activities for summer school and recently hired a Family Support Coordinator position. LHS graduation is June 6 at the airport. The School is seeking federal pandemic relief funds and is working with the Senator King and Representative Golden.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Cayer asked the staff to review the possibility of holding in-person City Council meetings in the future if all safety precautions can be in place.

VOTE (157-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To suspend the Rules and to add an item to the agenda at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (158-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To approve the making of an Appropriation for and Establishing the Pandemic Emergency Small Business Loan Program:

Whereas, the current pandemic emergency has resulted in severe restrictions being imposed on certain businesses; and

Whereas, these have fallen particularly heavily on small local businesses that have been forced to close or limit their operations in an effort to slow the spread of COVID 19; and

Whereas, while the City has provided funding for business loans and grants through the additional funding received as a result of the CARES act, such funding carries restrictions that may make it difficult for some businesses to apply and qualify for such assistance; and

Whereas, recognizing the importance of our small business community to our city as both employers and organizations that contribute to the amenities and attractions that we offer, it is important that we support these businesses as they face financial challenges; and

Whereas, toward this end, funding in an existing local economic development fund can be made available to provide small COVID related loans to assist qualified local businesses;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$150,000 is hereby appropriated from the Land Development Initiative Fund for the purpose of capitalizing the Pandemic Emergency Small Business Loan Program. That program shall be established and operated in accordance with the attached loan program description.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (159-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To adjourn at 8:46 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine