

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 20, 2020

REGULAR MEETING HELD VIA 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 Denis D'Auteuil and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD PRESENTATION**

Andrew Hart, state president of the Maine Town & City/County Management Association presented the MTCCMA 2020 Distinguished Service Award to Ed Barrett, recent retired Lewiston City Administrator. Mr. Hart highlighted Mr. Barrett's 45 years of municipal service in Texas and Maine. Mr. Barrett thanked the Association and the City for the support over the years.

UPDATE ON CITY ACTION REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC SITUATION

Deputy City Administrator Doughty reported that the situation at City Hall is status quo regarding the door monitors, maximum allotment of customers per floor, and so forth. He noted the Governor issued the 4th Stage of the Reopening Plan on Oct. 6. He noted that all city employees are wearing masks when not at their personal work station/desk.

VOTE (249-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2020 and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

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 THE MIDTOWN
ATHLETIC CLUB, 875 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 (250-2020)

Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for live entertainment to the Midtown Athletic Club, 875 Lisbon Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR PEDRO O’HARA’S, 134 MAIN 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 (251-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for live entertainment to Pedro O’Hara’s 134 Main Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE TO AMEND THE LAND USE CODE AND MAP TO REZONE PROPERTIES ALONG ASH STREET, BLAKE STREET, BARTLETT STREET, COLLEGE STREET, OAK STREET AND JACK COURT FROM DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL (DR) TO CENTREVILLE (CV)

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. City Planner Doug Greene provided some background information for this item.

VOTE (252-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve Final Passage of the proposed amendment to the Land Use Code and Map regarding the rezoning of properties along Ash Street, Blake Street, Bartlett Street, College Street, Oak Street, and Jack Court from Downtown Residential (DR) to Centreville (CV). Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, TRANSFERRING FUNDING FOR THE SELECTION, DEVELOPMENT OF BID SPECS, AND INSTALLATION OF A PARKING/REVENUE MANAGEMENT (GATE) SYSTEM IN FIVE CITY PARKING GARAGES

Deputy City Administrator Dale Doughty provided background information for this item.

VOTE (253-2020)

Motion by Councilor Gelinas, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve the Resolve, rescinding funding from several projects and re-appropriating it for the section, development of bid specs, and the installation of the parking and revenue management systems in the City parking garages:

Whereas, the garages were built over a series of years and were initially run by on-site garage parking attendants;

Whereas, approximately 10-years ago the parking/revenue management system was changed to an automated system.

Whereas, in 2018 and 2019, respectively, the City commissioned a Parking Revenue Control System Evaluation for the garages and an overall Parking Meter Study,

Whereas, the current system is outdated and nearing the end of its service life. The life could be extended for about 4 years if significant investments were made,

Whereas, it was decided to make limited investments to items that could be used in a new system,

Whereas, in June 2020, the system become so unreliable that the gates were opened to minimize the impact to pass holding customers,

Whereas, usage and revenue are down due to the effects of Covid-19 and gates being opened,

Whereas, there is an opportunity to act to replace some of the highest usage parking/revenue management systems while usage is down, and

Whereas, there are several funds for projects that have become less of a priority with Covid-19 impacts and can now be canceled or deferred in order to provide funding to begin replacing the garage parking/revenue management (gate) systems.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the following projects be canceled or deferred into future years and funding used to begin to replace the garage parking/revenue management (gate) systems:

- 7701-701704 Oxford St Parking Lot - \$160,000.00
- 7707-707706 Parking Study & Meter Replacement - \$ 85,600.00
- 4331-457000 Oxford St Parking Lot - \$ 41,000.00

The above funding shall be rescinded and funds reappropriated to 4390-428800 Parking & Garage Initiative to augment existing funding of \$125,000 for a new total of \$411,600.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE POLICE BODY CAMERA PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,225 OF WHICH \$82,000 WILL COME FROM THE POLICE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS' FUND BALANCE; \$26,900 WILL COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S 85 PARK STREET POLICE RENOVATION PROJECT SURPLUS; AND \$10,325 WILL COME FROM THE FEDERAL DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

City Administrator D’Auteuil provided background information for this item.

VOTE (254-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To approve the Resolve, authorizing a Supplement Appropriation to fund the Police Body Camera Project in the amount of \$119,225 of which \$82,000 will come from the Police Grants Special Revenue Funds’ fund balance; \$26,900 will come from the General Fund’s 85 Park Street Police Renovation Project surplus; and \$10,325 will come from the Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund:

Whereas, the City Council is interested in implementing a Police Body Camera Program;

Whereas, a Committee was formed to research, vet, and make a recommendation to the City Council on a viable camera package;

Whereas, surplus funding has been identified in absences of any donations, in the Miscellaneous Police Grants Fund 593 fund balance, former Violations Bureau MDEA and Police Renovations Project, and the Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund; and

Whereas, with the proposed waiver of competition primarily due to advantages in mutual aid, and funding identified, this allows this project to move forward.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$119,225 is hereby appropriated to fund the Police Body Camera Project of which \$82,000 will come from Police Grants Special Revenue Funds’ fund balance; \$26,900 will come from the General Fund’s 85 Park Street Police Renovation Project surplus; and \$10,325 will come from the Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEWISTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTE (255-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To confirm the Mayor’s nominations and to appoint the following residents as members of the Board of Commissioners of the Lewiston Housing Authority:

Emily Darby, 157 Farwell St, term to expire Sept. 17, 2025 – citizen representative

Anita Stevens, 23 Spofford St, term to expire Oct. 7, 2025 – tenant representative

Passed – Vote 7-0

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Rea reported the School Committee received a COVID-19 update last night and the

situation seems to be going well, noting that each case is being handled effectively. She also reported on the County Budget Committee work and noted the budget public hearing is tomorrow night. Councilor Gelinas reported on the Public Health Committee and their new flyers about masks and eliminating germ spread. Councilor Jensen noted that due to a job change, he is unable to attend the Airport Board meetings and needed to step down from as the Council's representative to that board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Khalid asked for some feedback and follow up information regarding the Housing Committee presentation last week. The City Administrator noted there is a state meeting later this week on homelessness. Councilor Rea noted that early voting is continuing in the Chambers and voters can until Oct. 30. Councilor Clement thanked the Public Works for their recent work on a constituent issue.

VOTE (256-2020)

Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To adjourn at 7:58P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine