

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 3, 2000

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD IN THE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 6:30 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Bernier, Carignan, Jean, Samson, Bilodeau, Adams, Acting City Administrator Phil Nadeau, City Clerk Kathleen Montejo and Finance Director Richard Metivier. Councilor Gousse was excused from the meeting due to a family issue.

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tara at 6:30pm in a public session.

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Bernier to enter into executive session to discuss litigation and a personnel matter. Passed - Vote 6-0
Executive session began at 6:30pm and ended at 7:05pm.

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Bernier, Carignan, Jean, Samson, Bilodeau, Adams, Acting City Administrator Phil Nadeau, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Councilor Gousse was excused from the meeting due to a family issue.

Mayor Tara called the meeting back to order at 7:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2000, meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

Report from City Council's Student Representatives

Student Representative Karen Gagnon was unable to attend the Council meeting.

REZONING OF 1365 SABATTUS STREET

Mayor Tara opened the hearing. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To approve final passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to re-zone 1365 Sabattus Street from Highway Business (HB) District to the Low Density

Residential (LDR) District. Passed - Vote 6-0

CONDITIONAL REZONING OF 40 MOUNTAIN AVENUE

Due to a conflict of interest, Councilor Carignan abstained from this issue. Mayor Tara opened the public hearing. Representatives from Bates College facilities management department made a brief presentation to the Council regarding the purpose for this change. The College is planning to develop a guest house for visiting professors, speakers and so forth.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve first passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to conditionally rezone 40 Mountain Avenue from the Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) District to the Institutional Office (IO) District, subject to a conditional agreement and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of October 17, 2000 for final passage. Passed - Vote 5-0-1 (Councilor Carignan abstained due to a conflict of interest.)

ADOPTION OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES PAY PLAN

Human Resources Director Denis Jean made a brief presentation to Council regarding the proposed plan and answered questions from Councilors.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adopt the new Salaried Employees Classification and Pay Plan prepared by D. Gallant Management Associates with an effective date of the first pay period of September 2000 and to approve the phased-in implementation schedule as recommended by the Finance Director. Passed - Vote 6-0

ACCEPTANCE OF FY2000 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To authorize the Chief of Police to accept the US Department of Justice's Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$57,863.00 in order to procure new technology and equipment. Passed - Vote 6-0

TRAFFIC SCHEDULE AMENDMENT FOR PARK STREET

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To adopt the following amendments to the Traffic Schedule:

Section 10 - Parking Prohibited - Monday through Saturday

SPRUCE STREET North side from Lisbon St. to Park St.

Section 24 - Parking Time Regulated - 30 Minutes - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

PARK STREET East side beginning at a point 73' from the southeasterly corner of Park St. & Pine St. and extending southerly on Park St. a distance of 70' and designated as spaces #1 through #7 #8.

Section 34 - Parking Reserved - City Officers & Employees, is hereby amended as follows:

PARK STREET 4 spaces easterly side beginning at a point approximately 142' from the southeasterly corner of Park St. & Pine St. and extending southerly on Park St. a distance of approximately 36' - Reserved for Mayor, two City Councilors and/or the Administrator.

~~23~~ 22 spaces easterly side beginning at a point approximately 178' from the southeasterly corner of Park St. & Pine St. and extending southerly on Park St. a distance of approximately 207' - Reserved for City employees.

Passed - Vote 6-0

REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE ONE LANE OF LONGLEY BRIDGE

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To temporarily close one lane of the Longley Bridge on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at 11:00am to accommodate the March Against Violence Walk coordinated by the Abused Women's Advocacy Project. Passed - Vote 6-0

SALE OF LAND FROM MARTEL SCHOOL TO MDOT

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Adams:

To authorize the sale of a section of property from the East Avenue side of the Martel School grounds to the Maine Department of Transportation in the amount of \$900.00 for the purpose of expanding the street. Passed - Vote 6-0

MMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report was presented at this meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was presented at this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Tara noted an opportunity for a planning grant for housing initiatives. The City would apply to the State and the estimated grant amount would be \$40,000 to \$50,000.

MAINE STATE HOUSING PLANNING GRANT

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Adams:

To authorize the submission, acceptance and expenditure of funds for the Maine State Housing Authority's year 2000 Planning Grant. Passed - Vote - 6-0

RESOLUTION FOR QUEBEC HOCKEY TEAM

Mayor Tara made a brief presentation regarding the potential opportunity for a Canadian hockey team to re-locate to Lewiston. She stated the organizers are seeking community support.

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Adams:

To adopt a resolution supporting the establishment of a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team in Lewiston. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, second by Councilor Carignan:

To adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine