

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 1999

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

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Carignan, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor made the following appointments.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Heather Hunter, City Auditor, to a 2 year term on the 9-1-1 Committee, said term to expire 1/3/2001. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert D. Stone, 13 Woodside Dr., to a 3 year term on the Finance Committee, said term to expire 01/02/2002. Passed - Vote 7-0

The Mayor also made the following appointments.

BOARD OF APPEALS - 5 Year Term (Expires 1/6/2004)
Norman M. Savard, 507 Webster Street

PLANNING BOARD - 5 Year Term (Expires 1/6/2004)
Robert C. Robbins, 14 Bonnaille Avenue

Mayor Tara made a presentation regarding her goals for the City in the coming year and presented the Mayor's Strategic Plan for 1999.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 15, 1998, meeting and to accept and place them on file as amended by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That agenda items 1, 10, & 11 be placed on consent agenda. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve agenda items 1, 10 and 11 as placed on the Consent Agenda. Passed - Vote 7-0

1) To adopt the Rules to Govern the City Council for the period January 5, 1999 to January 4, 2000 as presented.

10) To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve the Liquor License Application and Special Amusement Permit for Dancing and Entertainment for O'Sheil's, 37 Park Street, pending approval from the appropriate departments.

11) To grant Special Amusement Permits for Dancing and Entertainment to the American Legion Post #22, 188 Bates Street and Lewiston Social Club, Inc., 339 Lisbon Street.

Motion by Councilor Lynch, second by Councilor Bilodeau, to take agenda item 6 out of order and to address it at this time due to the audience interest in this topic. Approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Kelly and seconded by Councilor Bilodeau to approve the next phase for redevelopment of the Bates Mill and to instruct staff to prepare the proper documents for a public hearing at the next regular meeting to authorize the issuance of \$5.2 million in general obligation bonds to finance the project.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To amend the motion by changing the amount to be issued in general obligation bonds from \$5.2 million to \$5 million.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the next phase for redevelopment of the Bates Mill and to instruct staff to prepare the proper documents for a public hearing at the next regular meeting to authorize the issuance of \$5 million in general obligation bonds to finance the project. Passed - Vote 7-0

Public discussion:

Mr. Gladu expressed his concern to the Council regarding the budget figures that were presented and he wondered if the City was considering all of the options available regarding the Mill - to demolish, maintain status quo or re-develop. He suggested that some of the buildings could be sold now, and questioned whether the City should be in the development business. He also questioned the value of the rental income, and if the City will see a solid return on their investment.

Mr. Blais spoke in support of this proposed bond issue. He stated that as a local business owner, he has seen a multiplier effect from the Bates Mill tenant employees. He encouraged the Council to continue with this project, and stated he believes it is good for the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND MESSAGE THERAPISTS**

The ordinance pertaining to massage establishments and massage therapists received its first reading at this time.

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

That the ordinance pertaining to massage establishments and massage therapist has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of January 19th for final passage.

Passed - Vote 7-0

CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE

PERTAINING TO RELAXATION OF SPACE AND BULK STANDARDS

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To continue to the meeting of January 19, 1999, the public hearing on the ordinance pertaining to relaxation of space and bulk standards. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To accept and place on file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. Passed - Vote 7-0

Richard Metivier, Finance Director, and representatives from the auditing firm of Ruyon Kersteen & Ouellette, reviewed the Year 2000 Compliance Report.

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To accept and place on file the 1998 Downtown Lewiston Parking Study. Passed - Vote 7-0

It was noted that various suggestions for implementation from the study will be brought forward for Council consideration within the next several months.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

ORDERED, That upon recommendation of the City Administrator and Finance Director, this City Council hereby approves a transfer of \$3,000.00 from the City Clerk's budget, account 41410-4011000 salaries regular employees, to the Mayor's budget, account 41210- 4023000 travel expenses.

Passed - Vote 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Tara mentioned the following items under Other Business:

- 1) Year 2000 Celebration - The City should consider establishing a committee to work on a Year 2000 Celebration
- 2) HUD Homeless Funding Cut - The City should meet with agencies that are impacted from the loss of the HUD funding for services to homeless citizens.
- 3) Thank you to Peter Crichton for his years of dedicated service to the City of Lewiston. Peter's professionalism and hard work over the years has been an example for others to emulate and the Mayor noted it has been a pleasure to work with Peter.

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 10:45 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine