

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

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

FRANK J. KELLY, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

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

Mayor Tara was absent due to illness.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 7, 1999, meetings and to accept as presented and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To appoint Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau to serve as one of Lewiston's two representatives to the Executive Committee of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. Passed - Vote 7-0

CITY FUNDING FOR STUDENT TRIPS

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To remove this item from the table and to continue discussion on requests from students regarding possible funding for educational trips. Passed - Vote 7-0

Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau reported that his office contacted six communities in Maine and found that most communities do not have a policy to address these requests

and that most requests of this nature are directed to the school departments. Councilors had questions about supervision of students on such trips and concerns with potential liability.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To recommend that the City Council take no action on this issue at this time, to request city staff to check with the National League of Cities regarding policies for funding and supervision of youth participants and to encourage the School Committee to encourage students to seek available funding from numerous sources for support of their programs.
Passed- Vote 7-0

URBAN ENTERPRISE DISTRICT

City Planner Jim Lysen noted this change is consist with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That the proposed amendments to the Urban Enterprise (UE) District concerning additional standards found under Article XI, section 14 of the City Zoning and Land Use Code receive first passage by a roll call vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To waive the Rules Governing City Council Procedure and to hold final passage at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the proposed amendments to the Urban Enterprise (UE) District concerning additional standards found under Article XI, section 14 of the City Zoning and Land Use Code receive final passage by a roll call vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

SHORELAND ZONE AMENDMENT

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the proposed amendment to the Shoreland Area Standards contained in Article XII, Section 2 of the City Zoning and Land Use Code receive first passage by a roll call vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To waive the Rules Governing City Council Procedure and to hold final passage at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Samson, second by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the proposed amendment to the Shoreland Area Standards contained in Article XII, Section 2 of the City Zoning and Land Use Code receive final passage by a roll call vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Samson, second by Councilor Albert:

To suspend Section 1, (a) of the Rules Governing the City Council and to hold one regular meeting during the month of November and one regular meeting during the month of December, said meetings to be held on Tuesday, November 9th, 1999 and Tuesday, December 14th, 1999. Passed - Vote 7-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST POSITION

Development Director Greg Mitchell made a presentation to the Council regarding the need for this new position. He addressed upcoming development issues such as the re-establishment of the rail service, the ongoing downtown revitalization and the Bates Mill development. Mr. Mitchell noted the level of private sector investment in the city in recent months is very high and some projects are not getting the attention they should due to lack of staff time.

STATUS OF DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

Purchasing Agent Norm Beauparlant made a presentation to the

Council regarding the status of the buildings scheduled to be demolished and reviewed locations where buildings already have been removed. The Council stressed the need to have the vacant lots upgraded from a bare, gravel lot to a parcel with grass and minimal landscaping.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR SELECTION PROCESS

City Administrator Robert Mulready excused himself from the meeting at this time. Human Resources Director Denis Jean reviewed with the City Council the proposed agreement the City received from the Maine Municipal Association regarding their involvement with the selection process.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, second by Councilor Carignan:

To hire the Maine Municipal Association to assist the City with the search process for a new City Administrator, to meet with MMA to establish the search parameters, to spend up to \$3,500 for the work with MMA and to request the School Board to select a representative to serve on the selection committee. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, second by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the Human Resources Director to start the process of advertising for the City Administrator position as soon as is feasible. Passed - Vote 7-0

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Councilor Albert reported on the school's work with the "Promising Futures" program, which is a new approach to class structure, and teaching methods. Councilor Carignan stated this program will transform the high school and the students.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Bilodeau invited the Council to a joint meeting with the Planning Board to receive a Downtown Development update.

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Representative Bouffard inquired about a Pond Road truck route. Discussion took place between Representative Bouffard and the Council regarding the need for the city and state to work together regarding speed limits and other related factors.

Councilors Putnam and Bilodeau requested an update at the next Council meeting on the status of the Animal Control Officer position.

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, second by Councilor Albert:

To adjourn at 9:15P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine