

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2019**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Doris Ortiz, Marc Lessard

William Emhiser was excused.

The Council, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Remove *Council President Addressing the Council*

Consideration of Minutes: **November 19, 2019**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to approve the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2019.131 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 5, 2019**

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize a budget appropriation in the amount of **\$32,896.00** in support of the Seeds of Hope Warming Center.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Seeds of Hope Warming Center shall operate at the hours and under the conditions specified in the adopted planning document.

Funding for this project is proposed to be assigned to Contingency.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to grant the order in the amount of **\$32,896.00**.

Vote: Unanimous.

2019.132 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 5, 2019**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Biddeford, Maine to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biddeford as follows:

Part III (Land Development Regulations) Article XIII (Amendments), § 3 (Contract and Conditional Zoning) is amended as follows:

Contract Zone #18 Sawmill Park Properties, LLC, Indian Cliff Development Corporation, and Mike Eon Associates, Ltd. (Tax Map 2, Lot 43-1 and 42-1 and Tax Map 7, Lot 15).

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED by the City Council of Biddeford, Maine that Contract Zone #18, as recommended by the Planning Board on November 20, 2019, be adopted, and that said Contract Zone be considered an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Biddeford,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the City Manager be authorized to sign and execute an Agreement between the City of Biddeford and Sawmill Park Properties, LLC, Indian Cliff Development Corporation, and Mike Eon Associates, Ltd. to establish said Contract Zone #18.

Note: Attached is documentation from the City Planner regarding proposed Contract Zone #18.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the order by stipulating that approval is conditioned upon the infrastructure costs being passed on to the

developer, to the extent there is any additional infrastructure costs to the City in connection with this project. Further, the approval is subject to the \$56,000.00 agreement allocated for costs of the pumping station.

Vote on amendment: Unanimous.

Vote on ordinance, as amended: 7/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.

Councilors St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Ortiz and Lessard in favor.

First reading carries.

Public Addressing the Council...(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):

There were no public comments.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett reported on the following items:

- 1) Building permits have been paid for the first phase of the Lincoln Mill Project.
- 2) Previously, he had reported that Riverdam Mill had paid for their building permit fees; however, they actually have not. Riverdam Mill has filed the necessary permitting paperwork, but is currently working through other issues, which are holding up the payment of the \$134,000 permit fees to the City.

Other Business:

Councilor Ready – is pleased to have been able to attend the Empower to Engage (E2E) presentations today. He thought that each of the three presentations given were exceptional, with in-depth looks at different hypothetical proposals for the betterment of the City. For him, seeing what these employees have learned and came up with for presentations only reinforces the quality employees in our City.

Councilor St. Cyr asked if the presentations, or some summary of them, could be forwarded to all the Councilors.

Councilor Lessard – feels that Councilor Ready's comments are indicative to what is going on in the City; including the projects that are just starting to move forward with the filing for building permits and payment of fees. He believes this all raises the bar for this newly elected Council to keep making those decisions that will continue community growth.

Councilor Clearwater – reminded folks that tomorrow, December 6th at 5:45pm is the City's Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting in City Square. She also reminded folks to sign up for the snow parking ban notifications.

Councilor McCurry – has asked Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools, to keep the Council informed of what is going on with the Schools and upcoming events that the Councilors may be interested in attending.

He thinks it would be a good idea for the City to look at what options there may be for snow bans.

Councilor Belanger – thanked the Public Works Department for all their work on this week's snowstorms; as well as for in future snowstorms.

Councilor Quattrone – thanked everyone who was involved in organizing and putting on a great Inauguration on Tuesday. He specifically thanked City Clerk, Carmen Morris; School Facilities Manager, Doug Stebbins and of course Mayor Casavant for their efforts. He further thanked all those who attend the ceremony.

Mayor Addressing the Council – Mayor Casavant, like Councilor Ready, also attended today's E2E presentations and was impressed with what the participants had learned during their time in the program.

He is very pleased with how well the Inauguration went, including the beautiful musical performances during the ceremony. He thanked City Clerk, Carmen Morris for all her efforts in pulling off, yet another, great Inauguration. And he recognized all the local eateries who contributed food and drink for the reception:

- *Cakes for All Seasons*
- *Elements Coffee*
- *Farm to Coast*
- *Thyme and Honey*
- *Part & Parcel*
- *Reilly's Bakery*
- *Robin's Confections*

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:55 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk