

City of Biddeford, Maine
Policy Committee Meeting
Monday November 14, 2016

Minutes

1. Roll Call – Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Policy Committee chair councilor Michael Ready. Other Policy Committee members present were: councilors Laura Seaver and Rick Laverriere along with members Nathan Bean and Renee O'Neil.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The American flag was honored through the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda – There were no adjustments

4. Acceptance of Minutes: *Motion by LAVERRIERE seconded by SEAVER to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting as printed. Vote unanimous.*

5. Discussion/Review: Various Amendments to Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation; and Chapter 2, Administration/Amendments: City of Biddeford Parks Ordinance.

The Policy Committee reviewed each page of the proposed changes to both Chapter 2 and Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances, and asked questions from both Recreation Director Carl Walsh and Chief Beaupre. Since this work involves the consolidation and revision of a complete Chapter, the purpose of this review was to obtain consensus from the committee subsequent to clarification by both the Director and the Chief. The committee will review the final draft of the proposed changes at its next regularly scheduled meeting. No formal action was taken.

6. Discussion/Review: Littering/Handbills.

City Manager James Bennett addressed the Policy Committee to explain the content of a Letter of Memorandum sent from City Solicitor Keith Jacques, and addressed to the Policy Committee regarding the subject matter of a Potential Newspaper/Handbill Ordinance.

The City Manager stated that in order to more effectively address the ongoing problem of discarded newspapers, Biddeford needs to include the City of Saco in this discussion and thus gauge their willingness to enact a similar Ordinance. At the conclusion of his presentation, the committee gave their consent to proceed.

7. Discussion:

City Manager James Bennett addressed the Policy Committee about the results of the recent changes to the City Charter that were approved by the voters on November 8th. Essentially, the committee agreed with the City Manager's proposal that City Staff would work to craft language to reflect what was approved by the voters, and the Policy Committee would review these recommended changes before sending them to council.

7. Adjourn – *Motion by SEAYER and seconded by LAVERRIERE to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Vote unanimous.*