

City of Biddeford

City Council

June 28, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Via Zoom

1. Roll Call

Council President LaFountain - present
Councilor Lessard - excused
Councilor Ortiz - excused
Councilor Emhiser - present
Councilor Whiting - present
Councilor Beaupre - present
Councilor Doughty - present
Councilor Gross - excused
Councilor Belanger - present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

Items 6.a and 6.c will be discussed before 6.b

4. Public Addressing the Council

One comment about the challenges trying to log into this zoom meeting.

City Manager Bennett reminded everyone of the new zoom rules adopted by Council earlier this year, specifically that people need to create a zoom account to log in.

5. Presentation

5.a Update on the Implementation of the Unhoused Directive

5.a New Approach for Serving Unhoused Residents

Danica Lamontagne, Assistant to the City Manager, reviewed the information on the new approach to serving unhoused residents.

6. Orders of the Day

6.a 2024.108 Approval/PD Cruiser Purchase

Motion: Councilor Emhiser

Second: Councilor Belanger

Police Chief Fisk gave an overview of the purchase options, what was included and the timing.

Councilor Beaupre spoke in support of the purchase.

City Manager Jim Bennett recommended funding these from the FY24 budget and that the amount of insurance, trade-ins and outfitting for service is still evolving.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6.c 2024.110 Authorization/Administrative Amendment to Adams Point Contract Zone

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Emhiser

City Manager Bennett explained that these are items that the closing team requested.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7. Public Addressing the Council

One person requested that there be a good explanation of item 6.c including the costs.

Councilor Emhiser motion to go into executive session MRS 405 6 (d) Contracts at 10:14 am

Second: Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Councilor Beaupre – motion to come out of executive session at 11:20 am

Second: Councilor

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6.b 2024.109 Approval/Authorize City Manager to enter contract with Berry Dunn

Motion: Councilor Emhiser

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Councilor Belanger – there have been significant vacancies in the Finance department for the past year and a half and required entries were not done. This is a necessity to get the entries and reconciliation done for the audit. The cost is a concern.

Councilor Emhiser – this will allow staff to stay focused on their current tasks, funds are available from the prior staff vacancies to cover most of this. There will be monthly billing and periodic updates on the progress. The documents attached to the agenda explain the plan in detail.

Councilor Beaupre spoke in favor of this.

Councilor Belanger motion to amend to set up a project account in the amount of \$300,000 from the current fiscal year, FY24, to pay for this.

Second: Councilor Emhiser

Vote on the amendment: Unanimous in favor.

Amendment passed.

Vote on the order as amended: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

8. Adjourn

Councilor Belanger – motion to adjourn at 11:30 am

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.