

**COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Remove Order 2018.125 – Authorization/Master Plan Agreement for Development of 3 Lincoln Street (with possible Executive Session)
- Add Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405(6)(E)..Consultation with City Attorney

Recognition: Biddeford Citizen and Long-Time Volunteer Charles Butler, Jr.

Mayor Casavant recognized and applauded Charles Butler, Jr. for all his tireless efforts in preserving and sharing Biddeford's vast and rich history through his volunteerism with the Biddeford Historical Society over the past 50 years. Mayor Casavant presented Mr. Butler with a key to the City.

Proclamation: Extra Mile Day

Mayor Casavant read the Proclamation and declared November 1, 2018 as Extra Mile Day in Biddeford, encouraging folks to volunteer in the community, as well as to acknowledge those who give selflessly of themselves in their efforts and commitment to local organizations and their families.

Presentation: Dirigo Brewing & Biddeford Career Firefighters Donation to Fire Relief Fund

Biddeford Firefighter Paul Froman explained that the Biddeford Career Firefighters teamed up with Dirigo Brewing for a special fundraiser to benefit the Fire Relief Fund, which is administered through the City's General Assistance Office. A check for \$3,090.00 was presented to the City.

Public Hearing: Liquor License – Banded Brewing Company

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

Consideration of Liquor License: Banded Brewing Company

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to recommend the issuance of the liquor license to Banded Brewing Company.

Vote: Unanimous.

Consideration of Minutes: October 2, 2018; October 9, 2018

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2018.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Belanger to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2018.123 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..OCTOBER 16, 2018

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 V (Establishment of Zones), Table B (Dimensional Requirements):

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett had the following items:

- 1) As was discussed at last week's Council Workshop, the City is currently grappling with contamination issues with the recycling collection. Staff has come up with a plan to work with those property owners who are currently "grandfathered" under the waste collection/recycling ordinance. Once these property owners have agreed to work with the City, only those properties will be monitored for a couple of weeks to see if the contamination issue at least gets better.
- 2) In the contest for a \$150,000 preservation grant from American Express for Historic Preservation, Biddeford has slipped into 4th place. Folks are encouraged to go online and cast their five votes a day until October 26th.
- 3) He offered clarification on what seems to be a misconception about the 65% of parking lot spaces being put up for parking permits. He noted that if there is an opportunity to sell more than 65% of parking spaces, the City will do so.

Other Business:

Councilor Lessard: would like to have a Council Workshop (or some kind of meeting) prior to the start of the next budget season to discuss what the Council feels is acceptable for a possible tax increase, as well as to give clear direction to the administration on where the Council would like to focus.

Councilor McCurry: noted that the Finance Committee did discuss a Rate Stabilization Policy at their meeting early this evening. Once the policy is finalized, it will be brought forward to the full Council for consideration.

Councilor McCurry asked about the use and access of the amphitheater on the RiverWalk. Currently it seems that it's only accessible to the North Dam Mill tenants, when originally, the intention was that the amphitheater would be accessible to all of the public.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry thanked all those who were involved in the planning and organizing of last week's Employee & Volunteer Banquet. He also congratulated all the award winners from that evening.

In regards to the recently approved parking management plan (mostly for the downtown), he would like to see more public outreach and more public input.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant shared that he attended the Maine Makers Fair over the weekend and was truly impressed with all the different vendors who were there. He congratulated Engine for organizing such a great event in Biddeford.

Mayor Casavant announced that this coming Saturday, October 20th, Heart of Biddeford is hosting an "It's Our Time Open House." Events planned include:

- Tours of the clock tower, free but pre-reg required. Register [here](#)
- Backstage Tours of City Theater, free but pre-registration is required.
- Biddeford Historical Society Presentation: History of the City Hall Building, with BHS curator Catherine Glynn (no pre-reg required), 4 p.m. in City Council Chambers (2nd floor City Hall)
- Biddeford Historical Society Main Street Architecture and History Tours. Meet at City Square, corner of Main Street and Adams Street. (no pre-reg required), 3:30, 4, and 4:30.
- Upper Main Street Scavenger Hunt. Get all the Scavenger Hunt Info [here](#)

Executive Session:

➤ **1 MRSA 405(6)(D)...Labor Contract Negotiations (DPW)**

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Swanton to move into Executive Session. Vote: 8/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor. Motion carries. Time: 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:45 p.m.

2018. IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..OCTOBER 16, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed Public Works Department Non-Supervisory Union Contract substantially in the form presented to the City.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the order.
Vote: 6/3; Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Swanton, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.
Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to adjourn.
Vote: 2/7; Councilors McCurry and Lessard in favor.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver opposed.
Motion to adjourn fails.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Belanger to move back into Executive Session, per 1 MRSA 405(6)(E)...Consultation with City Attorney.
Vote: 7/2; Councilors McCurry and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.
Motion carries. Time: 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Seaver to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Seaver to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. time: 8:25 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk