

City of Biddeford

City Council

August 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Roll Call

Council President LaFountain - present

Councilor Lessard - present

Councilor Ortiz - excused

Councilor Emhiser - excused

Councilor Whiting - present

Councilor Beaupre - present

Councilor Gross - present

Councilor Belanger -present

Councilor Doughty - excused

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda - add executive session at the end of the agenda

4. Proclamation

4.a National Night Out

Mayor Grohman read the proclamation.

5. Appointments

5.a 2024.121 Approval/Mayoral Appointments to Citizens Committees

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor LaFountain

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

5.b 2024.122 Approval/MMA Ballot

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Presentation

6.a Seeds of Hope Overnight Center Update

Executive Director Vassey Fowler gave an update on the past few weeks.

6.b Development Project Update presented by the Planning Department

Planning and Development Director, George Gervias reviewed 17 projects in progress.

7. Public Addressing the Council

Staff – Public Works Director Jeff Demers thanked the Planning Department for their teamwork.

One citizen commented on the proposed 5 points development and asked the Council to consider the parking lot potential and housing locations.

8. Consideration of Minutes

8.a Council Minutes 7-16-24

Motion: Councilor Whiting

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

8.b Council Minutes 7-23-24

Motion: Councilor Whiting

Second: Councilor LaFountain

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9. Orders of the Day

9.a 2024.124 Approval Demolition Fees

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Councilor LaFountain commented that this was unanimous in the Policy Committee.

Motion passed.

9.b 2024.125 Approval FMI pump station upgrade.

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Public Works Director Jeff Demers reviewed the proposal.

Councilor Lessard spoke in favor of the item and complimented Public Works on their initiative.

Councilor Belanger – the source of the funds should be in the order.

Councilor Belanger – motion to amend add “\$555,000 was reserved in ARPA funds in FY23, \$200,000 out of the Wastewater bonds, for an amount not exceeding \$750,000.”

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote on the amendment: Unanimous in favor.

Amendment passed.

Vote on the order as amended: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.c 2024.126 Approval Portable Bypass Pump

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Lessard

Councilor Belanger – motion to amend add “funding to come from CSO Abatement Work 23CSO01”

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote on the amendment: Unanimous in favor.

Amendment passed.

Vote on the order as amended: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.d 2024.127 Approval/Avesta Housing Indian Cliff Development Corp CZ 23

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Lessard

Councilor Belanger will review the contract.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.e 2024.128 Approval/Westbrook Development Corporation CZ 24

Motion: Councilor LaFountain.

Second: Councilor Lessard

Councilor Belanger will review the contract.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.f 2024.131 Approval/Lead bid - 154 Cleaves St.

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen spoke about the unhoused population gathering in front of the library.

11. City Manager Report ; COO Brian Phinney reported

Kudos to Public Works for arriving very early in the morning to remove or repair the damaged planters.

He provided an update on the Berry Dunn progress.

12. Other Business - None

13. Council President Addressing the Council - Council President did not address the Council

14. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor Grohman gave an update on the school construction. Adult Ed has received a grant to train 70 students for clean energy jobs. The City website has information about current RFPs. The Mayor will throw the first pitch at the Portland Seadogs game tomorrow night.

15. Executive Session – MRS 1 405 6 (a) Personnel Matters

Motion to enter the Executive Session at 7:37 pm

Second: Councilor Whiting.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed

Councilor Belanger - motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

16. Adjourn

Councilor Belanger – motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.