

**COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2017**

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

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

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

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Add Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E)..Pending Litigation

Proclamations:

- **Police Week: May 14th to May 20th**

Mayor Casavant read the proclamation and thanked the personnel at the Biddeford Police Department for their dedicated service to the community.

- **Kids to Park Day: May 20th**

Mayor Casavant read the proclamation and announced that events have been planned at Clifford Park for May 20th in honor of Kids to Park Day.

Recognition: Swearing In of Fire Department Officers

City Clerk, Carmen Morris swore in Peter Anton as Captain and Matthew Leach as Lieutenant for the Biddeford Fire Department.

Game of Chance Applications: Sports Projects, Inc. (@ LaKermesse)

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to recommend issuance of the Game of Chance permits to Sports Projects, Inc., to be run at LaKermesse.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor. Motion carries.

Public Hearing: Three Sisters Family Restaurant

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

Liquor License Consideration: Three Sisters Family Restaurant

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Seaver to recommend the issuance of a liquor license to Three Sisters Family Restaurant.

Vote: Unanimous.

Consideration of Minutes: **May 2, 2017; May 10, 2017**

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Seaver to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the ordinance amendments and first readings, see the council meeting minutes of May 2, 2017}

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Essential Programs & Services Funding Act

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

School Construction Projects – Local Share

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Additional Local Funds – for School Purposes

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Lessard and Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

Disposition of Additional State Subsidy

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the second reading of the order.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to change the language which will be included on the NOTICE OF AMOUNTS to the following:

Disposition of Additional State Subsidy: The City Council has authorized the School Committee with consent of City Council to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board.

Vote on amendment: Unanimous.

Vote on order, as amended: Unanimous.

School Appropriations:

Regular Instruction

Special Education

Career & Technical Education

Other Instruction

Student & Staff Support

System Administration

School Administration

Transportation & Buses

Facilities Maintenance

Debt Service & Other Commitments

All Other Expenditures

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Lessard and Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

Adult Education

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Food Service

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2017.35) Amendment/Ch. 46, Parks, Sec. 46-11 – Alcoholic beverages; fires; use of closed areas/Prohibition

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Seaver opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.36) Amendment/Ch. 6, Amusements, Add New Article V – Sales, Possession and Consumption of Liquor at and during Special Events on City Public Property

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Seaver and Ready opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.37) Amendment/Ch. 10, Animals, Sec. 10-35-Running at large on public ways prohibited; restraint required/Unleashed Dogs

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.38) Amendment/Ch. 46, Parks, Sec. 46-13-Parking operating policy/Dogs on City Beaches & Rotary Park

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.46) Approval/Refinancing of the City's 2010 and 2011 Bonds

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2017.47

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby approve and authorize the City Manager to sign, execute and submit the City's Final Draft of the CDBG Year 5 Action Plan and all associated documents in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to allow Councilor Ready to abstain from this vote and the next vote due to conflict of interest.

Vote: Unanimous.

Vote: Unanimous, with Councilor Ready in abstention.

2017.48

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby approve and authorize to submit the City's revised Final Draft of the Citizens Participation Plan and all associated documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous, with Councilor Ready in abstention.

2017.49

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCILMAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions set forth under *Ch. 6, Amusements, Article V – Sales, Possession and Consumption of liquor at and during Special Events on City Public Property*, the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant approval for LaKermesse Franco-Americaine to serve liquor at their festival on June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2017 at St. Louis Field, providing that the said LaKermesse Franco-Americaine is and remains in compliance with the provisions set forth under Ch. 6, Section 6-178 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council also approves the issuance of a Special Event Permit for a Block Party to be held at Mechanics Park on June 22nd, 2017 by LaKermesse Franco-Americaine.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the order.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Seaver opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.42

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 2, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that City Manager, James Bennett's appointment of Cheryl Fournier to be the Finance Director for the City of Biddeford, be confirmed.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to remove the order from the table.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to remove this item from the agenda without prejudice.

Vote: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Lessard opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.39

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 2, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Summit Street, even-numbered side, from the intersection with Alfred Street thence northerly to the intersection with Round Hill Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Summit Street, odd-numbered side, from the intersection with Alfred Street thence northerly to the intersection with Round Hill Street.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this item at their April 24, 2017 meeting and voted unanimously to forward to the City Council with a recommendation for adoption.

Chief Beaupre's Recommendation

During the evening of May 3rd, and morning of May 4th, officers went door to door on Summit Street to elicit feedback from the residents living on that street. Of those residents contacted: four (4) were ambivalent, two (2) suggested the odd-numbered side, and two (2) didn't want any change to the existing configuration. All residents, however, expressed different levels concern about traffic movement through the area, with all citing speed as their primary concern.

Width measurements of Summit Street were taken at three (3) separate locations, and measured 21 feet 4 inches at the area closer to Elm Street, and 21 feet 6 inches at mid-point and at the area closest to Round Hill Street. The adopted road width Standard established under the Code of Ordinances Section 62-81 Table A, sets the lane width at eleven (11) feet. Using this Standard, twenty-two feet is required to allow for the unrestricted movement of traffic on a two (2) lane roadway. Traffic Standards were adopted by the City Council on May 21, 2013 under Chapter 42, section 42-86.

While I recommend that both sides of Summit Street be adopted as No Parking, the odd-numbered side seems to be the preferred choice by the residents.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor McCurry to remove the ordinance amendment from the table.
Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Mills to strike the odd-numbered side, allowing for parking only on the odd-numbered side of the street.
Vote: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Seaver opposed.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

Vote on ordinance amendment, as amended: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Seaver opposed.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

2017.50 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING, **Section 42-64 Fees for parking violations**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

(a) Fees for parking violations shall be set as follows:

- (1)** Parking in snow removal or plowing area: \$15 ~~\$25~~ **\$40**
- (2)** Parking in fire lane: ~~\$30~~ **\$40**.
- (3)** Overtime parking: ~~\$15~~ **\$25**.
- (4)** Parking in a truck zone and/or loading/unloading zone: ~~\$20~~ **\$30**.
- (5)** Double parking: ~~\$30~~ **\$40**.
- (6)** Parking in no parking, etc., area: \$25 **\$40**.
- (7)** Parking in front of fire hydrant: ~~\$30~~ **\$40**.
- (8)** Blocking driveway (upon complaint): ~~\$30~~ **\$40**.
- (9)** Parking on sidewalks: \$25 **\$35**.
- (10)** Parking facing traffic: ~~\$15~~ **\$25**.
- (11)** Parking in a permit only zone: \$25 **\$35**.
- (12)** Parking in a disability designated area: ~~\$200~~ **Traffic Infraction**.

All parking fines left unpaid after 30 days shall be doubled.

(b) A vehicle with three or more outstanding parking violations issued by the Police Department, and found to be in violation of any of the City parking ordinances, will be subject to towing or immobilized by the use of an auto boot. The vehicle will not be released to the owner or agent of the owner until the violations and tow charges are paid.

(c) It will be prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed the parking violation.

(d) The maximum fee that may be charged by a towing company for a vehicle requested to be towed by the Police Department will be at the direction of the Chief of Police.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Seaver to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Lessard to amend the ordinance to increase the *parking in snow removal or plowing area* to **\$50**
Vote: 3/6; Councilors Lessard, Mills and Quattrone in favor.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Belanger, Ready and Seaver opposed.
Amendment fails.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to amend the ordinance to increase the *parking in snow removal or plowing area* to \$40.

Vote: 6/3; Councilors Seaver, Ready and Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Lessard in favor.

Amendment carries.

Vote on ordinance, as amended: 8/1; Councilor Ready opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.51

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-92.1 Waiver of parking fees under specific circumstances**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

~~[Ord. No. 2008.73, 9-16-2008]~~

~~A vehicle found in violation of the two-hour parking limitation, and subject to a fee under Section 42-64, shall have the first parking ticket received every six months January through June, and July through December automatically waived from payment of a fee.~~

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

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.52

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 18, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, Article II-Buildings, Division 3-Permits: Fee Schedule, Sec. 18-61 Permit fee schedule**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Effective July 1, 2010 2017, Building Permit Fee Schedule.

(3) Construction permits, per thousand dollars of value (after square footage is calculated): ~~\$14~~ \$14.35

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 18, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, Article III-Electrical Code, Division 3-Permits, Sec. 18-158 Fees**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

(a) Effective July 1, 2010 2017, Electrical Permit Fee Schedule:

(1) New Residential Electrical Permit Fee Schedule. **All permits for Residential installations shall be charged a \$25.00 Administrative Fee.**

(2) New Commercial-Industrial Electrical Permit Fee Schedule. **All permits for Commercial-Industrial installations shall be charged a \$50.00 Administrative Fee.**

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

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Ready opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.53

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017

ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC, **Section 42-66 Beach permit parking regulations enumerated, Sub-section (2) & (3).** is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

(2) For the purpose of this section, the word “resident” shall meet one of the following criteria:

- a. Person who pays real estate property taxes to the City;
- b. Person who is a registered voter in the City;
- c. Person who can provide a vehicle registered both in the City and the State of Maine. All residents of the City may obtain parking permits for compliance with this Section for a fee of ~~\$20~~ \$25 for the first vehicle, ~~\$40~~ \$15 per additional vehicle registered at the same address, ~~\$40~~ \$15 for residents 65 and older, payable to the City Clerk. Proof of eligibility will be the burden of the applicant.

(3) Persons eligible under Subsection (2) may obtain a parking permit to be in compliance with this section for a fee of ~~\$120~~ \$125 for a season permit; ~~\$60~~ \$65 for a seven-day permit; ~~\$35~~ \$40 for a three-day permit; and ~~\$15~~ \$20 for a one-day permit. The seven-day and three-day permits are valid in consecutive days only, and are not transferable from vehicle to another.

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor Lessard to amend the ordinance to only increase the fees stated in (3).

Vote: 3/6; Councilors Lessard, Ready and Swanton in favor.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger and Seaver opposed.

Amendment fails.

Vote on ordinance: 7/2; Councilors Ready and Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills, Belanger, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.54

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 6, AMUSEMENTS, Article IV. SPECIAL EVENTS, Sec. 6-143-Permit required** be amended or ~~deleted~~ by adding the following:

Sec. 6-143 Permit required.

Any person who desires to conduct or sponsor an event at a public park, public ground, or street of the City in which it could reasonably be assumed that 25 or more persons might or gather or participate shall first apply for and obtain a permit from the Codes Enforcement Office, and after collecting the fee described below, will process the application in coordination with the permitting authority as defined in under Section 6-144. Special Event Permit fees shall not be waived without City Council approval.

A. Fees required – Per Application or Per Event Day	
<u>Administrative Fee -</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Parade Permit -</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Block Party Permit -</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
<u>Mass Gathering (over 1,000 people) -</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to amend the ordinance to include an additional \$250 fee for events serving alcohol.

Vote: 4/5; Councilors Swanton, Belanger, Ready and Lessard in favor.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Mills and Seaver opposed.

Amendment fails.

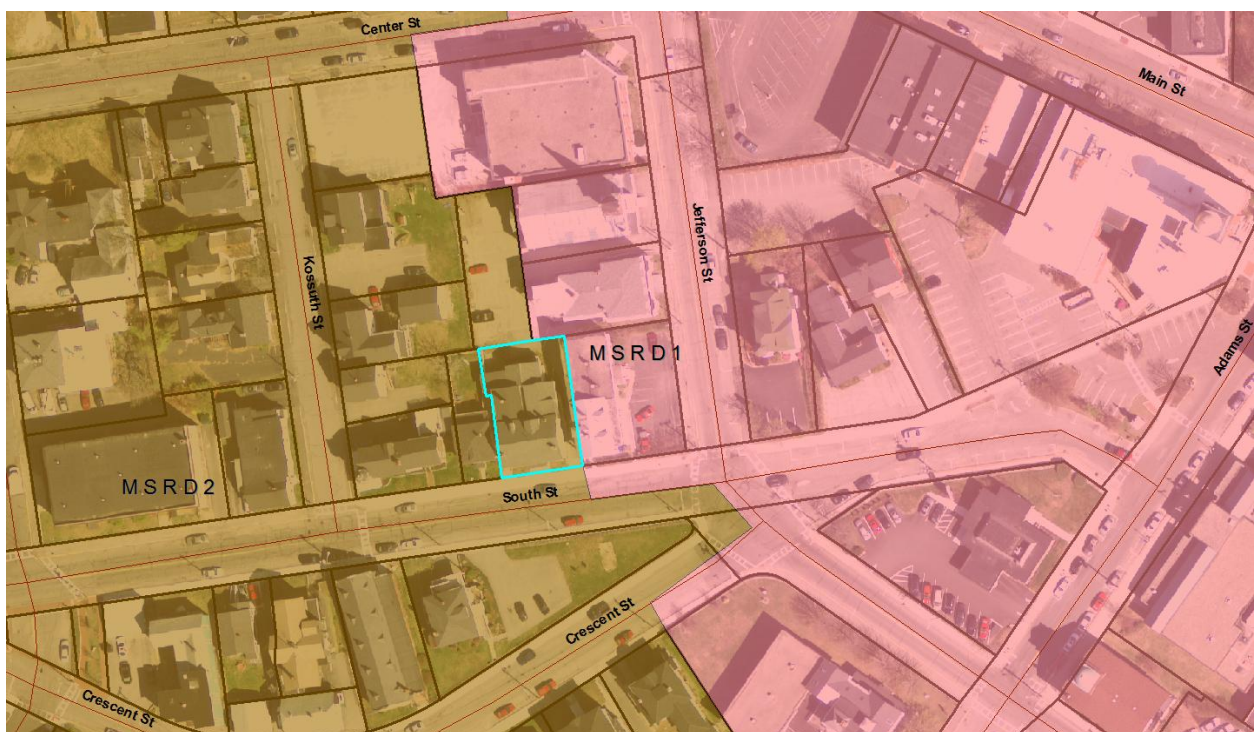
Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Swanton that no Special Event Permit fees shall be waived without City Council approval.
Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Ready to change the fee structure to “per day” rather than per event.
Vote: 8/1; Councilor Quattrone opposed
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Mills, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.
Amendment carries.

Vote on ordinance, as amended: Unanimous.

2017.55 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017**
BE IT ORDERED that the City Council does hereby request the Planning Board to conduct a Public Hearing and make recommendations to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as outlined below.

Part III (Land Development Regulations), Article III (Official Zoning Map), is amended to rezone 38 South Street (Tax Map 38, Lot 190) from MSRD-2 to MSRD-1.



Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2017.56 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 16, 2017**
BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby adopt the following Code of Ethics for all Elected and Appointed City Officials; to be included in the Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, Sec. 2-3 – CODE OF ETHICS**, as follows:

Ch. 2 – Administration, Article I – In General
Sec. 2-3 – Code of Ethics

There shall be a Code of Ethics for all Elected and Appointed Officials in and for the City of Biddeford:

1. Officials shall view service to the City as an opportunity to serve the public, state and nation as the best means to promote the City of Biddeford and its citizens. We are working to make Biddeford the best place to live.
2. Officials shall not make disparaging remarks about other City Officials or their opinions.

3. Officials shall remember at all times that as an individual, they have no legal authority outside the scope of their position, and will conduct their relationships with the City of Biddeford staff, the local citizenry, and all media communications on the basis of this fact.
4. Officials shall recognize that their responsibility is not to operate the City, but to see that the City is well operated.
5. Officials shall listen to all citizens but will refer all complaints to the proper authorities and will discuss such complaints only at a regular meeting after failure of an administrative solution.
6. Officials shall graciously support a decision once it has been made by a majority of the Council/Committee.
7. Officials shall not criticize City employees publicly, but shall make such comments to the City Manager for investigation and action, if necessary.
8. Officials shall make decisions only after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.
9. Officials shall refuse to make promises as to how they will vote on a matter which should properly come before the Council/Committee as a whole.
10. Officials shall not discuss the confidential business of the Council/Committee in their home, on the street or in their workplace; the place for such discussion is at the Council/Committee meetings.
11. Officials shall confine their Council/Committee action to policy making, planning or appraisal; leaving the administration of the City to the City Manager.
12. Officials shall endeavor at all times to see that the City has adequate financial support within the capabilities of the community and state, in order that every citizen may receive the best possible service.
13. Officials shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use their position as a City Official to benefit themselves or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the City.
14. Officials shall attempt to attend all meetings of the Council/Committee and, if it should become necessary to miss more than three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Council/Committee or twenty-five percent (25%) of all meetings within any six (6) month period, will meet with the Chair of the Council/Committee and explain the nature of the reason for the absence.
15. Officials shall abstain from individual action on those matters rightfully the authority of the Council/Committee.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor McCurry to remove #2, #5 and #14.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Councilor Swanton to table this ordinance amendment.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to table this ordinance and send to the Policy Committee for re-working; and bring back to the City Council at the June 6th 2017 Council Meeting.

Vote: 5/4; Councilors Seaver, Ready, Mills and Swanton opposed.

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

Motion to table carries.

Appointment:

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 16, 2017

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

**Donna Tippet
77 West Street
Ward 4**

to the *Solid Waste Management Commission*, with a term to expire December 2020.

Motion by Councilor Mills, seconded by Councilor Ready to confirm the appointment.

Vote: Unanimous.

City Manager Report

City Manager, James Bennett had a couple of items:

- 1) The Downtown plantings projects is on target to be completed by Memorial Day.
- 2) In regards to the City's EMS calls, on May 9, 2017, the new survival rates were reported and the City is currently at a 42% survival rate, which is well above the national average of 10.6%.

Public Addressing the Council..(3 minute per speaker; 30 minute total time limit)

There were no comments from the public.

Other Business:

Councilor Mills: announced that he will be resigning as City Councilor for Ward 5 as of June 13th due to the fact that he is moving to a different Ward. He noted that he has served as a City Councilor for the past nine and a half years and has loved working with all his fellow Councilors. He encouraged other citizens to get into public service.

Councilor Quattrone: reminded folks that the Summer Camp for Autistic Children is still taking applications, and will be until the deadline, May 26th.

Councilor Swanton: stated that with the closing down of the bleachers at Waterhouse Field, local business man, Jim Godbout organized and headed up a volunteer effort of about 200 people to take down the bleachers and clear away the wood and steel. According to Superintendent of Schools, Jeremy Ray, the next step is to get the Waterhouse Field Commission, the School Committee and the City Council together to figure out the next steps, as well as to determine how to handle future maintenance of the field.

Councilor McCurry: reminded the Council that the petitioned for General Meeting of Citizens will be included on the June 6th council agenda and the Council will need to come up with a meeting date, time and place.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry thanked Jim Godbout and all the volunteers who helped with the taking down of the bleachers at Waterhouse Field.

He also announced that the Public Hearing for the City Government budget and first reading of that budget are scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and he encouraged folks to attend and voice their concerns on the budget.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant also thanked all the contractors and volunteers, and especially Jim Godbout, for all their efforts on the tear down of the bleachers at Waterhouse Field.

Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E)...Pending Litigation
Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to move into Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Swanton to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:34 p.m.
Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:34 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk