

**COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2019**

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

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

John McCurry, Jr., was excused.

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

Adjustment to the Agenda:

Executive Session: will not be discussing the Public Works Supervisors Contract; but will be discussing the Fire Department Contract Negotiations

Consideration of Minutes: **April 2, 2019**

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 April 2, 2019}

2019.27) Amendment/Ch. 10, Animals/Art. I – In General and Art. II – Dogs/Various Amendments

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

2019.28) Amendment/Ch. 46, Parks and Recreation/Sec. 46-13 – Parking operating policy/Add Use for Horses

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2019.29) Amendment/Ch. 58, Solid Waste/Add New Article IV – Single Use Carry-Out Bags

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

Vote: 5/3; Councilors Lessard, Quattrone and Swanton opposed.

Councilors St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

2019.30) Amendment/Ch. 2, Administration/Art. V – Finance/Sec. 2-336 – Competitive sealed bidding

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

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to amend the ordinance, section (g), by changing “successful bidder” to lowest bidder.

Vote: 3/5; Councilors Lessard, Quattrone and Belanger in favor.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Ready and Seaver opposed.

Motion to amend fails.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to amend the ordinance, section (g) by changing City Administrator to City Manager.

Vote: Unanimous.

Vote on ordinance, as amended: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2019.36

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..APRIL 16, 2019

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby award a contract with Shaw Brothers Construction for the City's Paving Program; contract for FY19 only.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to amend the order by stipulating that the Shaw Brothers Construction bid be accepted, as long as the company can get their bid to within 10% of the lowest bid received for the Paving Program.

Vote: 3/5; Councilors Lessard, Quattrone and Swanton in favor.

Councilors St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver opposed.

Motion to amend fails.

Councilor Lessard asked to go on record, stating that he has argued as hard as he could to save the taxpayers \$90,000 with this paving program contract, but unfortunately, was unsuccessful in his efforts.

Vote on order: 6/2; Councilors Lessard and Quattrone opposed.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

Committee-of-the-Whole: Role of the Downtown Development Commission

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Belanger to move into Committee-of-the-Whole.

Vote: 7/1; Councilor Quattrone opposed.

Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Time: 6:25 p.m.

Councilor Clearwater spoke on behalf of the DDC. She explained that the DDC would like the Council to give them some policy issues and more substantive issues to deal with. One suggestion is that the DDC work on coming up with ideas for implementation of the items that were set forth in the Downtown Task Force Report. The Commission is willing to work through issues and projects, and then report back to the Council with recommendations.

Mayor Casavant agrees that the City needs to get the DDC more involved in downtown issues – including dealing with the open/park space at 3 Lincoln Street.

A majority of the Councilors agree that projects and issues should be given to the DDC, with the understanding that they would report back to the Council with recommendations.

Economic Development Coordinator, Brad Favreau, who serves as Staff on the DDC, informed the Council that the DDC is currently reviewing a policy that was discussed by the Planning Board, which addresses first floor residential housing on both sides of Alfred Street from Jefferson Street/Pool Street to Main Street.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Lessard to move out of Committee-of-the-Whole.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:36 p.m.

Appointment:

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

Councilor Amy Clearwater

as the Council Representative to the Biddeford Youth Advisory Council.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.

Vote: Unanimous.

Public Addressing the Council...(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):
There were no comments from the public.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett informed the Council that at their Budget Committee meeting this Thursday, April 18th, they will be discussing the scheduled increase of parking permit fees. If, at that meeting, the Budget Committee recommends changes to the parking permit fees, a Special Council meeting will be scheduled for April 25th for official approval.

Other Business:

Councilor Ready: had a couple of items:

- 1) For the next Council Meeting, he asked the City Manager to get an update from the Code Enforcement Officer on the roll out of fee collection for the second round of apartment inspections and any issues that have come up; as well as an update on where the Codes Office is with the first round of apartment inspections.
- 2) He noted that he recently took a walk down to the RiverWalk and the amphitheater, which in the past he has typically been found locked. This time, he was pleased to see that the gate/door was unlocked and he was able to access the building.

Councilor Lessard: noted that the York County Budget Committee will start their budget meetings next week, and he will be representing Biddeford.

Councilor Seaver: informed the Council and public that she will not be available via phone or email for the next week.

Councilor Quattrone: announced that the Autism Summer Camp is gearing up for their third year, working in conjunction with UNE. Applications for children are now being accepted.

Councilor Swanton: had a few items:

- 1) He does not like the City's sign ordinance.
- 2) The J. Richard Martin Community Center Report will need to be discussed soon.
- 3) On Saturday, April 27th, the Dept. of Public Works will be observing Earth Day, which will include Drug Take Back with the Police Dept.; distribution of information on Thacher Brook by the Conservation Commission; and kitchen composters will be available for purchase.

Councilor Clearwater: shared that she has and uses a kitchen composter and it works great. She then announced that on May 1st, sometime around 5:30pm-6:30pm, a "Plogging" event has been planned in the City. Plogging is when folks run around picking up trash on public property.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant extended congratulations to Councilor Clearwater for passing the Maine Bar!

Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405(6)(D)...Labor Contract Negotiations – Fire Department
Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to move into Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous Time: 8:04 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:04 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk