

**COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 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 was excused.

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

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Consideration of Minutes: **March 21, 2017**

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the ordinance amendment and the first reading, see the council meeting minutes of March 21, 2017}

**2017.28) Amendment/Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-90 – No Parking/
West Street; Dupont Avenue; Hillside Avenue; May Street**

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

Vote: Unanimous.

**2017.9) Amendment/Ch. 2, Administration/Add New Sec. 2-329-Exempting Eligible Active
Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Tax**

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2017.31

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL....APRIL 4, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager be authorized to sign a unit cost contract with Pratt and Sons, Inc. of Mechanic Falls, Maine for the construction of the Mile Stretch Road Drainage Improvement Project. as per the bids opened on March 28, 2017, in the bid amount of \$629,803.00, funding for this work to be provided in part from the MDOT MPI grant received by the City with the required City match amount from the 2009 Road Improvement Bond passed by voters.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will review this item at their April 4, 2017 meeting.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2017.32

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...APRIL 4, 2017

BE IT ORDERED by the Biddeford City Council that it adopts this Declaration of Official Intent and declares as follows:

1. The City of Biddeford currently intends to proceed with the following project (the "Project"):

Design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a downtown parking garage expected to be located in or near the City's Mill Redevelopment TIF District.

2. The City intends to finance some or all of the costs of the Project through issuance of the City's tax-exempt bonds.
3. The City reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount of bonds to be issued for the Project, including for reimbursement purposes, is an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

4. The City expects to pay certain costs of the Project prior to the issuance of such bonds (the “original expenditures”) and the City Manager is hereby authorized to advance money from the General Fund or from the City’s TIF Fund(s) for payment of original expenditures of the Project.
5. The City expects to use bond proceeds to reimburse itself for such original expenditures.
6. This is a declaration of official intent pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.
7. This declaration is adopted pursuant to an approving vote of the Biddeford City Council and shall be maintained as a public record of the City.

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

Vote: 6/2; Councilors Swanton and McCurry opposed.

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

Motion carries.

2017.29

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MARCH 21, 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 42-66** Beach Permit Parking, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

(9) Those areas of the City of Biddeford to be restricted by this section are as follows:

- (a) Biddeford Pool Bathhouse Parking Lot (Gilbert Boucher Memorial Park) ~~and Middle Beach Lot (across from Bridge Road):~~ On the lower portion of the parking lot, parking is restricted for holders of resident parking stickers only from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; anyone holding a nonresident permit is permitted to park at those locations after 12:00 noon. The holders of resident or non-resident parking permits may park in the upper portion of the parking lot during those times that a beach permit is required.
- (b) Middle Beach Lot (across from Bridge Road): Parking is restricted for holders of resident parking stickers only from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; anyone holding a nonresident permit is permitted to park at those locations after 12:00 noon.
- (c) Curbside parking on Fortunes Rocks Road along Etherington's Pond as follows:
1.Ocean side: westerly from a point 50 feet westerly of pole J30 to a point 20 feet westerly of pole J37.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this item at their March 13, 2017 meeting and voted unanimously to send to the City Council for approval.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Mills to remove the ordinance from the table.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

Vote: 7/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

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

Motion carries.

Appointment:

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...APRIL 4, 2017

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

**Sean Tarpey
110 Cleaves Street
Ward 2**

to the *Wastewater Management Commission*, with a term to expire December 2019.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett had the following notes:

- 1) The City closed on the Pate property last week, which ended up being a net profit of \$365,581.53 for the City. Councilor Ready asked how those proceeds will be used. Mr. Bennett assured the Council that use of these funds will require Council approval.
- 2) There was recently an article in the Maine Biz that talked about Biddeford's parking and development in the downtown.
- 3) One of the policy issues that the Council will need to address during this budget season is the idea of purchasing versus leasing of equipment and vehicles. There is a long-term cost savings in purchasing equipment and vehicles outright; however, this initially puts a bigger financial burden on the next couple fiscal year budgets.

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

Recreation Director, Carl Walsh took this time to announce that this weekend is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt put on by the Recreation Department. This year, the event is being held on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am at the Biddeford Primary School.

One citizen addressed his comments to the Council.

Other Business: There were no Councilor comments.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry expressed his appreciation that the City Manager has submitted the budget he did, along with policy suggestions. Councilor McCurry is looking forward to the work ahead and addressing the policies that need to be looked at.

On a more personal note, Councilor McCurry urged folks to be mindful of what others may be going through in their lives and offer kindness and prayer – especially to those who are, or have a family member who is battling cancer.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant also noted the work that is ahead for the Council with the upcoming budget discussions. He praised the Council for their ability to work together and to respectfully disagree sometimes, but to always move things forward and get the work done. He is confident that the Council will handle the budget discussions in the same manner.

Mayor Casavant informed the Council that he and Mr. Bennett have started meeting with the downtown business owners and providing them information about the proposed Downtown District and the potential investment the City would like to have from the businesses. The City is also looking to get development and other ideas from the business owners.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Mills to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:26 p.m.

**Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk**

