

**COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2018**

Council President McCurry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
{Mayor Casavant was not present}

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

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

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Nomination of Council President Pro Tem

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to nominate Councilor Swanton as Council President Pro Tem.

Vote: Unanimous.

Presentation of School Department FY19 Budget

Superintendent of Schools, Jeremy Ray gave an extensive overview of the proposed FY19 School Department Budget. (The presentation is available online and in the City Clerk's Office)

Consideration of Minutes: **March 6, 2018**

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Reading:

{For a copy of the ordinance amendment and first reading, see the Council Meeting minutes of March 6, 2018}

2018.17) Amendment/Ch. 22, Businesses/Add New Sec. 22-17 et al. – Mobile Food Vendor

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2018.24 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager be authorized to sign a contract with Dearborn Brothers Construction, Inc. of Buxton, Maine for the construction of the Hills Beach Road Drainage Improvement Project as per the bid submitted and opened on March 9, 2018, in the amount of \$122,590. Funding for this work to be provided from the 2015 Road Improvement Bond account code 31374-60300 and 60400.

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NOTE: Both the Finance Committee and the Capital Projects will review this item at their March 20, 2018 meeting.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2018.25 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does here by approve a contract with Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc. of Gorham, Maine in the amount of \$188,813 for the emergency repair of the following:

- Ocean Avenue road and seawall repair
- Granite Point Road and seawall repair
- Fortunes Rocks Road and seawall repair
- Vines Landing ramp repair

NOTE: This item will be considered at the March 20, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2018.26

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the design authority for the parking garage design as follows:

1. All major policy, major design and total expenditure impact decisions shall be made by the City Council.
2. All minor design features shall be delegated to insert committee (suggest Mayor's Downtown Task Force).
3. All remaining issues shall be made by the City Manager and/or his designee.
4. The Mayor and City Council President are empowered by the City Council to determine the appropriate approval authority for all decisions.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Foley to grant the order; and inserting 'Mayor's Downtown Task Force' in #2.

Vote: 5/4; Councilors Seaver, Ready, Belanger and Quattrone opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Foley and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2018.27

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby approve a process for development of a downtown parking management plan that includes at least three public meeting opportunities for input, a process to allow written input, including through electronic communication, directs staff to compile and document public input, instructs staff to prepare a draft a downtown parking management plan with consideration given to received public comment, ~~and further directs the Downtown Development Commission to assume a leading role in reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on the same.~~ Said work shall be completed within ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days of this order.

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

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Seaver to amend the order by striking the language starting on line 6, "*and further directs the Downtown Development Commission to assume a leading role in reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on the same.*"

It was motioned to further amend the order by changing sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days.

Vote on amendment: Unanimous.

Vote on order, as amended: Unanimous.

2018.28

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the creation and utilization of a Reserve Account to be used to pay Interns/Management Analysts in the amount of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

Motion by Councilor St. Cyr, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2018.29

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MARCH 20, 2018

BE IT ORDERD that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the creation and utilization of a Reserve Account to be used to pay for Community Service Officers in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

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

Vote: Unanimous.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett made the following points:

- (1) He offered clarification that the Downtown Task Force no longer exists; however, the Mayor's Downtown Task Force still meets regularly.
- (2) He noted that the City has spent approximately \$38,000 to date on parking garage related items; which is contrary to the information that some folks are talking about.

Public Addressing the Council..(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):
A few citizens addressed their comments to the Council.

Other Business:

Councilor Swanton: has become aware that there is interest in putting a citizen initiative before the voters that would pose the question of whether there should be paid parking within one mile of City Hall. He urged the folks organizing the citizen initiative to work with the City rather than against it. He assured the group that the City Council will work with them to come up with a question that will make sense for the whole City.

Executive Session:

- **1 MRSA 405(6)(D)...Labor Contract Negotiations**
- **1 MRSA 405(6)(E)...Consultation with City Solicitor**

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor Lessard to move into Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:51 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Seaver to come out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Seaver to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk