

City of Biddeford

City Council

December 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Zoom only

1. Roll Call

Council President LaFountain - present
Councilor Lessard - present
Councilor Ortiz - present
Councilor Emhiser - excused
Councilor Whiting - present
Councilor Beaupre - present
Councilor Gross - present
Councilor Belanger - excused
Councilor Doughty - excused

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda - none

4. Public Addressing the Council - none

5. Second Reading

5.a 2024.200 Approval Selection of Search Firm for City Manager

Motion: Councilor Ortiz

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed

6. Orders of the Day

6.a 2024.203 Approval of Contract for Community Center Heating System

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor LaFountain

Councilor Beaupre suggested that there be a comprehensive evaluation of the Rec Center, there have been many patchwork repairs in the past five years. He also asked about the potential for the JFK building.

Councilor Lessard wants to know the best and maximum use of the building. He said the JFJ Building Committee has another meeting in January and will present recommendations to the Council.

Jim Godbout spoke about this repair and the issues with the building, most of the pipes are 100 years old.

City Manager Jim Bennett said there was an Ad Hoc committee several years ago that made recommendations about the Rec Center to the City Council. They did not take action at that time.

Recreation Director Lisa Thompson spoke about the challenges to the repairs and their effect on programming and staff.

Vote: 5 yeas – Councilors Ortiz, LaFountain, Beaupre, Whiting and Gross.

1 nay – Councilor Lessard.

Motion passed.

7. Adjourn

Councilor Lessard motion to adjourn at 10:28 am

Second: Councilor LaFountain.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.