

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

I. CALL TO ORDER – On Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. a Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Auditorium.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Mayor Pilon conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: David Precourt, Leslie Smith Jr., Bette Brunswick, Kevin Roche, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Nathan Johnston. City Administrator Rick Michaud was also present.

III. GENERAL:

IV. AGENDA

A. RECONSIDERATION OF MARINE 5 OCEAN RESCUE CRAFT REPLACEMENT

Marine 5, a 20+ year old Coast Guard surplus boat that was given to the City of Saco almost 10 years ago, experienced a catastrophic failure of the bilge pump system during a severe weather event, heavy rains and astronomical high tide, on June 7, 2012. At 11:30 P.M. that evening the boat was found by a local fisherman to be partially submerged. The fire department along with the assistance of the Assistant Harbor Master was able to raise the boat, pump off the excess water and secure the boat to the dock.

In the days/weeks that followed, the boat was taken to Southern Maine Marine to be evaluated for repair and an insurance claim was filed. In the end, the insurance company determined it to be a total loss and the city received \$15,000 from the insurance claim.

During the remainder of the 2012 season, the fire department worked with the Old Orchard Beach Fire Department, through its Mutual Aid Agreement to continue to provide limited fire & rescue response along the river below the dam and in the ocean near the shoreline. It was determined that the Old Orchard Beach boat, because of its size, was not appropriate for response off shore to provide fire and rescue services.

The fire department has been working to develop specifications for a replacement Multi-Mission Response Boat that will meet the current and future needs. The expected life span of the boat is 20+ years. Estimates from manufacturers put the purchase cost of a new Multi-Mission Response Boat at \$127,000. Bangor and South Portland have made similar purchases in the past year; Bangor's cost was approximately \$174,000 and the City of South Portland has approximately \$100,000 invested in their boat.

During FY14 budget preparation, we established a budget of \$21,600 per year for 7 years to purchase a \$100,000 boat. The interest rates have been coming in far lower than estimated in the budget. With the new amount of \$127,000, I have calculated that we can get a lease purchase agreement with payments at or below \$21,600 per year. No additional money will be needed to purchase the Marine 5.

Council approved this motion on 11/18/13: *“Be it Ordered that the City Council authorize the Fire Department to complete the purchase of a new multi-mission response boat.”*

Document History:

- **February 4, 2013 – Workshop**
- **February 19, 2013 – Workshop**
- **March 4, 2013 – Meeting**
- **November 18, 2013 – Meeting – motion approved**

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Precourt seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council reconsider the motion to authorize the Fire Department to complete the purchase of a new multi-mission response boat.” Further move to approve the Order”. The motion passed with four (4) yeas and three (3) nays – Councilors Smith, Cote and Johnston.

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Precourt seconded to ask the boat builders to delay construction for 30 days until Biddeford has an opportunity to review the Interlocal Agreement. The motion passed with six (6) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Cote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pilon adjourned the meeting with the unanimous consent of the City Council at 7:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Michele L. Hughes, City Clerk

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