

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

Note: Council meeting packets and video recordings are posted on the city website, available for public review.

I. CALL TO ORDER – On Monday, March 30, 2020, at 6:33 p.m. a Council Meeting was held via video conference due to the national health emergency COVID-19 pandemic.

II. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS PRESENT – Mayor William Doyle recognized the members of the Council and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: Marshall Archer, James Purdy, Joseph Gunn, Lynn Copeland, Alan Minthorn, Jodi MacPhail and Nathan Johnston. City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath was also present this evening.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Due to video conference limitations, this was forgone this evening.

IV. GENERAL - (Video recording 2:21 minute mark)

- Mayor Doyle – City Revolving Loan Account for Small Businesses

V. COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL - (Video recording 3:30 minute mark)

- Councilor Minthorn – Shuttlebus

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - (Video recording 5:00 minute mark)

- City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - (Video recording 6:10 minute mark)

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Gunn seconded to approve the March 16, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed with five (5) yeas and two (2) nays – Councilors Copeland and Johnston.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA - (Video recording 9:38 minute mark)

Councilor Johnston moved, Councilor Copeland seconded to approve consent agenda items #A, B, C, D, and E as follows:

A. APPOINTMENT TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - “Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Robert Hamblen, Daniel Snow, Chris Nucci, Jean Saunders, Deborah McKenney, James Burnell, and Christopher McKenney as full members, and Brian Chrader, and Kory White as advisory members of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.” Further move to approve the Order.

B. APPOINTMENT TO SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION - “Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Emily Cole-Prescott to the Saco River Corridor Commission, to serve in Saco’s alternate member seat, to fulfill unexpired term, until November 1, 2020”. Further move to approve the Order.

C. APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION – BEN COTE - “Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Ben Cote to the Conservation Commission as a regular member, for terms from March 31, 2020 to March 31, 2023”. Further move to approve the Order.

D. REAPPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION – CRAIG BURGESS - “Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Craig Burgess to the Conservation Commission, as a regular member for a three-year term, from March 31, 2020 to February 28, 2023”. Further move to approve the Order.

E. REAPPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MELISSA FIELDS - “Be it Ordered

that the City Council confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Melissa Fields to the Conservation Commission, as a regular member for a three-year term, from March 31, 2020 to March 6, 2023". Further move to approve the Order."

The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

IX. ACTION ITEM

A. OPTIONAL POLICE POWERS - (Video recording 14:18 minute mark)

Councilor Johnston moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded "Be it Ordered that the City Council authorize statewide arrest powers for fully certified Saco Police Officers pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A § 2671 (2-A) of the Maine Revised Statutes." Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

B. CRANE TRUCK LEASE - (Video recording 17:20 minute mark)

Councilor Gunn moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded "Be it Ordered that the Council approve a new capital lease in the amount of \$84,612 for the purchase of a new crane truck for WRRD. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

C. SUSPENDING REGISTRATION FEES - (Video recording 22:32 minute mark)

Councilor MacPhail moved, Councilor Johnston seconded "Be it Ordered that the City Council authorize the finance department to waive online registration fees while City Hall is closed to the public." Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A DISCUSSION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY - (Video recording 24:51 minute mark)

Mayor Doyle moved that this item go to the Conservation Committee and Energy Committee for their recommendations to city staff. A document will be drafted and brought back before the council at a later date. The council agreed unanimously.

B. EQUAL RIGHTS ACT RESOLUTION - (Video recording 28:31 minute mark)

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Gunn seconded "Be it Resolved that:

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LD 433, THE 'MAINE ERA'

WHEREAS, at the State of Maine's founding women were not recognized as citizens under the new Constitution and were unable to vote;

WHEREAS, it was not until one hundred years after Maine became a state that most women earned the right to vote through the ratification of the 19th Amendment;

WHEREAS, the right to vote remains women's only constitutionally protected right, in Maine and nationally;

WHEREAS, all other rights that women have won have come as a result of legislation, legal decisions, or regulation, and those rights are more easily reversed;

WHEREAS, Maine's legislature ratified the federal Equal Rights Amendment in a bipartisan vote in 1974;

WHEREAS, there exists no language in Maine's Constitution prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex;

WHEREAS, the final decision of whether to amend Maine's Constitution is not in the hands of the legislature, but of the voters;

WHEREAS, an amendment passed in this session can be on the ballot on November 3, 2020;

RESOLVED: In Maine's bicentennial year, and the centennial of woman suffrage, the name the entity calls on the Maine legislature to pass LD 433, the Maine Equal Rights Amendment, which reads simply, Equality of rights under the law may not be denied or abridged by the State or any political subdivision of the State based on the sex of an individual. The legislature has the power to enforce this section by appropriate legislation.” Further move to approve the resolution.

The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

C. CITY AND SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION - (Video recording 33:54 minute mark)

Finance Director Glenys Salas presented the “FY2021 Budget & Mil Rate Calculator”.
City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath presented “The Numbers”.
Communication Director Emily Roy presented ”Communication Strategy”.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - (Video recording 2:18:45 minute mark)

City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath provided administrative updates.

XII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENT - (Video recording 2:26:31 minute mark)

- Councilor Minthorn
- Councilor Archer
- Councilor Johnston

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Video recording 2:35:05 minute mark)

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Gunn seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council enter into executive session, pursuant to [M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §405(6)]: (A) Personnel Update and (C) 351 North Street Proposal. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 9:10 p.m.

XIV. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Video recording 3:05:13 minute mark)

Mayor Doyle, City Councilors: Archer, Purdy, Gunn, Copeland, Minthorn, MacPhail, Johnston, and City Administrator Kaenrath were all present.

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Archer seconded to exit executive session pursuant to [M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §405(6)]: (A) Personnel Update and (C) 351 North Street Proposal. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 9:38 p.m.

Councilor Minthorn reported, per [M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §405(6)]:

(A) Personnel Update – No report.

(C) 351 North Street Proposal – Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Archer seconded that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of 351 North Street, Saco a/k/a Public Works Facility and land in the amount of \$2,300,000 with the company as presented during the City Council Executive Session on March 16, 2020 and March 30, 2020. The motion passed with six (6) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Johnston.

XV. ADJOURNMENT - (Video recording 3:07:54 minute mark)

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Copeland seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 9:42 p.m.

Attest: _____
Michele L. Hughes, City Clerk