

**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, April 13, 2020, at 6:32 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**

**V. COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL** - (Video recording 0:52 minute mark)

- Councilor Minthorn – Transit Committee
- Councilor Johnston – Planning Board Meeting

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 30, 2020 AND APRIL 6, 2020** - (Video recording 2:45 minute mark)

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Archer seconded to approve the March 30, 2020 and April 6, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed with five (5) yeas and two (2) nays – Councilors Copeland and Johnston.

**VIII. CONSENT ITEMS**

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. EQUAL RIGHTS ACT RESOLUTION** - (Video recording 3:49 minute mark)

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Gunn seconded “Be it Resolved that the Saco City Council supports the Equal Rights Act Resolution below:

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BUDGET UPDATE - (Video recording 7:42 minute mark)**

Finance Director Glenys Salas provided a General Fund Budget update.

**B. DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS - (Video recording 25:34 minute mark)**

Director Emily Roy presented the Communication Department budget for FY21.

➤ **FIRE/EMS - (Video recording 40:10 minute mark)**

Director John Duross presented the Fire/EMS Department budget for FY21.

➤ **CODE ENFORCEMENT - (Video recording 58:30 minute mark)**

Director Richard Lambert presented the Code Enforcement Department budget for FY21.

➤ **CITY CLERK - (Video recording 1:14:37 minute mark)**

Director Michele Hughes presented the City Clerk Department budget for FY21.

➤ **ASSESSING - (Video recording 1:26:17 minute mark)**

Director Nicholas Desjardins presented the Assessing Department budget for FY21.

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - (Video recording 1:51:13 minute mark)**

City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath provided an administrative update.

**XII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Video recording 1:58:58 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)]: (C) CEA Discussion. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 8:33 p.m.

**XIV. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION - (Video recording 2:33:00 minute mark)**

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

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Copeland seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council exit executive session, pursuant to [M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §405(6)]: (C) CEA Discussion. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 9:07 p.m.

Councilor Minthorn stated that there was no report this evening.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT - (Video recording 2:34:04 minute mark)**

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Copeland seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Time: 9:07 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele L. Hughes, City Clerk