

## 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, July 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**

**IV. GENERAL**

**A. 2020 AFTERMATH SERVICES LLC “PAY IT FORWARD” NATIONAL VIDEO CONTEST –**  
(Video recording 1:16 minute mark)

The City of Saco is the grand prize winner of the 2020 Aftermath Services LLC “Pay it Forward” national video contest. The Aftermath Cares program recognizes and celebrates the efforts of our first responders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Saco Police Department submitted two videos in partnership with our Communications Department, showing how we, as your police department, have been engaging with the community during these difficult times”, said Chief Clements. “It is more important to state how we value and engage with our community all the time.”

Ken Rosa, Senior Manager of Law Enforcement Relations for the New England Region, joined the Saco Police Department on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, to present Saco with the grand prize of \$5,000 and 150 Personal Protective Equipment kits.

The video is available on Saco’s YouTube channel.

Saco’s Police Chief, Jack Clements, has decided to do something unique with the \$5,000 Aftermath grant to further support the Police Department’s commitment to community-building. He contacted the Fair and Impartial Policing organization to explore training opportunities regarding implicit-bias awareness to further ensure we are fairly serving all members of our community.

I would like to thank the Communications Department for their vision and creativity in making this award-winning video, as well as the Police Department for continuing to keep our community safe.

**B. MEAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION -** (Video recording 3:10 minute mark)

The Saco Parks & Recreation Department along with Age Friendly and other organization quickly created a program to address food insecurity issues that began to arise in our community as the pandemic took hold. The program distributed more than 3,000 over 13 weeks to 460 separate Saco residents. Elected officials, city staff, volunteers from the community, police officers, parks & recreations staff, restaurant owners, and other volunteers stepped up to make this initiative a success.

The following individuals were present at a majority of the meal program days. We appreciate these individuals for volunteering their time and going above and beyond for our community: Deputy Mayor & Ward 5 City Councilor Alan Minthorn; Ward 6 City Councilor Jodi MacPhail; Senator Justin Chenette; Representative Donna Bailey; Executive Director of Saco Main Street Rob Biggs and his daughter Ripley Biggs.

Thank you to all the volunteers and elected officials and staff who made this possible. This includes but is not limited to some of the local businesses that contributed to the program: Golden Rooster Restaurant; Bruschetta’s Brick Oven Restaurant; Lucky Loggers Restaurant; Run of the Mill Public House and Brewery; Quiero Café; Deli & Company; Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center; Bradley Street Deli & Catering; Saco Valley Credit Union; Rotary Club

of Biddeford and Saco; Lawyer on the Corner; Saco House of Pizza; People’s Choice Credit Union; Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution; Janet Spiegel Yoga; Saco Main Street; Saco Food Pantry; and Age Friendly Saco. As well as Officers Condon and Royle from the Saco Police Department who switched hears from their School Resource Officer jobs and went to work as Community Service Officers and our Saco Facilities Division.

**C. AFFIRMING A SAFE, WELCOMING, AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY - (Video recording 6:05 minute mark)**

Dear Saco Residents,

Considering the recent events across our country involving bias, racism, and hatred, we must take measures to denounce such actions while educating ourselves to facilitate a better future for all our community members. As a community and nation, individuals of different ethnicities, sexual orientations, and religious ideologies will forge our path forward. We must have the philosophy of inclusion when discussing the way ahead on any subject matter, especially the eradication of racism.

We cannot solely apply blame and point fingers during difficult dialogues; we must find meaningful solutions to challenges. Our resolve must refrain from getting caught up in rhetorical catchphrases or simplistic slogans but endeavor to create community-based partnerships that demonstrate compassion and respect and identify realistic goals for the future.

Therefore, I, William P. Doyle, Mayor of Saco, have included a Proclamation in support of inclusion, social justice, and non-discrimination for council deliberation and consideration during the New Business agenda of the meeting. Following discussion and alterations, I will ask the Saco City Council to support and ratify a similar resolution for our great city at our next City Council meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Our local government must commit to training on cultural diversity, competency, and bias for all city staff, board and committee members, and elected leaders to ensure equitable treatment of community members and visitors.

I also ask the City Council to consider the formation of a Mayoral Ad-Hoc Committee titled Intercultural Competency and Awareness Committee. While the committee itself will form the specific committee goals, the committee aims to bring community members together to work collaboratively to address racial inequality or bias issues in our community. The committee will recommend amendments to city policies, council ordinances/initiatives, or the renaming of different squares, streets, or parks in our community. Saco is a community of approximately 20,000 people, so bringing more residents, of all different backgrounds, into the discussion helps provide insight to the City Council.

In closing, I sincerely hope to see the City Council adopt the items mentioned above and engage the community in these partnerships for a better Saco for everyone.

**V. COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL – (Video recording 8:50 minute mark)**

- Councilor Minthorn – Transit Committee Update – Fares, Trolley’s, and Funding.
- Councilor Copeland –
  - Conservation Commission – State Special Referendum Questions #1 – Broadband support. Climate Control Resolution by Saco Middle School students.
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee – Website & Bike Loaning Program.
  - Shoreline Commission – Army Corp of Engineers – Sample Partnership Agreement
- Councilor Gunn – Historic Preservation Commission – Rendezvous Point Cemetery in Ward 4 eligible for listing on National Registry of Historic Places.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. APROVAL OF MINUTES**

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA - (Video recording 20:06 minute mark)**

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Johnston seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

**A. APPLICATION FOR A SOLID WASTE PERMIT – MAINE WASTE SOLUTIONS – “Be it**

Ordered that the City Council grant the application for a Solid Waste Permit as submitted by Maine Waste Solutions. Further move to approve the Order.

The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT – BIDDEFORD SACO ELKS LODGE NO. 1597 – (PUBLIC HEARING) - (Video recording 21:12 minute mark)**

Councilor Gunn moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Gunn moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded to close the Public Hearing and “Be it Ordered that the City Council grant the renewal application submitted by Biddeford-Saco Elks Lodge No. 1597 for a Special Entertainment permit to be concurrent with the establishment’s current liquor license. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. Further move to approve the Order.

**B. REMOVAL OF OUTDATED HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY - (Video recording 23:57 minute mark)**

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Gunn seconded to remove the outdated Health Insurance Policy. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**C. REMOVAL OF OUTDATED EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY - (Video recording 25:13 minute mark)**

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Johnston seconded to remove the outdated Equal Employment Opportunity policy (2003). Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**D. CHAPTER 81 REVIEW: 2 MARGUERITE ROAD (MAP 10 LOT 17) – (FIRST READING) - (Video recording 26:23 minute mark)**

Councilor Purdy moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded to approve the first reading, and schedule a public hearing on August 3, 2020 regarding the following order, in substantially the same form as presented: “Be it Ordered that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute sale of approximately 10,000 square feet of land and to execute all necessary documents to donate specified portion of land of 2 Marguerite Road to the Habitat for Humanity.” The motion passed with six (6) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Copeland.

**E. UPDATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY - (Video recording 56:20 minute mark)**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Minthorn seconded to accept the amended Social Media Policy and further update the Employee Handbook to include this version of the policy. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**F. AMENDMENT TO INTEREST RATE FOR FY2021 (CORRECTION OF STATE ERROR) - (Video recording 59:00 minute mark)**

Councilor Gunn moved, Councilor Copeland seconded “Be it Ordered that the City Council amend the interest rate for delinquent FY2021 property taxes to 8%. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**G. PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT – AUTOMOBILE DEALER USE WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT - (Video recording 1:01:49 minute mark)**

Councilor Johnston moved, Councilor Copeland seconded to refer the proposed zoning amendment to the Planning Board, per section 230-1401 of the City’s ordinances. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY AND AWARENESS RESOLUTION AND COMMITTEE FORMATION DISCUSSION - (Video recording 1:03:53 minute mark)**

Mayor Doyle noted that a sample proclamation would come before the council for approval on July 20, 2020.

**B. UNACCEPTED PORTION OF BERRY ROAD DISCUSSION - (Video recording 1:09:52 minute mark)**

Councilor Johnston moved, Councilor Copeland seconded to table this item until the July 20, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - (Video recording 1:11:22 minute mark)**

City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath provided administrative updates.

**XII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENT - (Video recording 1:14:29 minute mark)**

- Councilor Archer – Dog attack on city property.
- Councilor Copeland – Piping Plover nest disturbed. Keep dogs leashed and pick up dog waste. Saco Parks & Rec. Lifeguards saved a person caught in riptides. Parking issues at the beaches.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT - (Video recording 1:22:34 minute mark)**

Councilor Minthorn moved, Councilor Purdy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

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