

City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting No. 17

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.; Councilors Mary Mortier, Roger Lee, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley and Nancy Hamilton, City Manager Joseph Slocum, and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2014.

6) Open to the public

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7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

None.

10) Business

A) Consideration of a resolution to proclaim April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Belfast.

B) Consideration of a resolution regarding divestment from publicly traded fossil fuel companies.

C) Consideration of a request from the Parks and Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Commission for authority to negotiate a lease fee for ball field use with Cal Ripken Baseball Program and the Waldo County Y.

D) First Reading on a proposed amendment to the Waterfront Mixed Use Zoning District that would allow allowing existing restaurants to increase existing seating without having to provide additional on-site parking.

E) Request from the Economic Development Director to have City Council authorize the submission of an expression of interest to the Federal Communications Commission regarding its “Connect America Fund” in order to pursue funding to expand broadband Internet services in Belfast.

F) Update on proposed rebuilding of Thompson’s Wharf.

G) Discussion on possible issuance of an RFP to attract investors to build a Cargo Incubator inside the Belfast Business Park.

H) Request from the City Manager for Council to authorize the Economic Development Director to authorize expenditures and to award all bids associated with the CDBG Micro Enterprise Assistance Grant as long as that authorization is in compliance with State and Federal Requirements.

I) Request by the Economic Development Director to have the City Council authorize the hiring of Ron Harriman Associates to provide grant administrative services and rehabilitation technician services for a potential Community Development Block Grant Housing Assistance grant.

J) Update on Front Street Lights.

K) Request from the City Manager to discuss a leave of absence without pay under Section 16 of the City of Belfast Personnel Code.

L) Request to go into executive session to discuss a Poverty Abatement matter pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A Section 841.

M) Request to go into executive session to discuss a Union Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) D.

N) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn