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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing #1

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to hear an application by the Belfast Curling Club located at 211 Belmont Avenue, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous liquor license, interior only.

Mayor Ash asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Public Hearing #2

Pursuant to the Special Amusement Ordinance of the City of Belfast and the provision of Title 28A Section 1054 MRSA a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter on an application for a renewal Special Amusement Permit for Belfast Curling Club for live music, vocals- Karaoke, DJ and dancing at 211 Belmont Avenue, Belfast, Maine interior/exterior.

Mayor Ash asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Regular Council Meeting No. 22

1) Call to order

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

City Manager requested to amend the agenda as follows:

Add item **9) D #1** Request to reappoint Archie Gaul to the Water District for a 5 year term.

Add item **10) A #1** Request from the Harbor Master to reject the bids for the Improvements to Belfast Public Landing and to go back out to bid for the project immediately.

Add item **10) A #2** Request to consider Planning Board Committee appointments.

Add item **10) E #1** Discussion on possible crosswalk at the Goose River Apartments.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. This motion was approved, 5-0.

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2014.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2014. This was approved, 5-0.

6) Open to the public

Please state your name and town you are from when addressing the City Council.

1. Marjie Byers, Belfast, introduced herself as a new member of Our Town Belfast and gave an organization update.

2. Steve Garrand, Belfast, addressed concerns with Thompson's Wharf fees.

3. Deane Perkins, Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast and Joel Krueger, The First Church of Belfast spoke about the international campaign to promote compassionate cities and requested to be on the June 3, 2014 agenda to discuss their request for Council to consider a Charter of Compassion.

7) Communications

City Manager Joseph Slocum discussed the following:

- The possibility of the City looking into alternative ways to heat City Buildings and discussed with the Council through what means they would like to approach this issue.
- Informed the Council and Citizens that new parking signage would be put up at the Boathouse on May 21, 2014.
- Noted that the Water District is beginning to put in new lines at Cross and Spring Streets.
- Asked the Council to consider when they would like to have their next Budget Session.

Councilor Hamilton informed the public that Monday, May 26, 2014 at 10:00 am there will be a Memorial Day Parade in Belfast beginning at Reny's Plaza.

Mayor Walter Ash, Jr. requested that Harbor Walk signage be put up soon, noting that with warmer temps more and more people are using it.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

None.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve an application by the Belfast Curling Club located at 211 Belmont Avenue, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous liquor license, interior only.

- B. Request to approve an application for a renewal Special Amusement Permit for the Belfast Curling Club for live music, vocals – Karaoke, DJ and dancing at 211 Belmont Avenue, Belfast, Maine, interior/exterior.
- C. Request to approve a request by VFW Post 3108 for a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th, 2014 at 10:00 am starting at Reny's Plaza.
- D. Request to approve a "Facility Use" application by Spectrum Generations Meals on Wheels and the Belfast Soup Kitchen to conduct a 5K Road Race on Saturday, August 2, 2014 starting at 10:00 am. The race route will start at Spectrum Generations and finish at the Soup Kitchen.
- D. #1. Request to reappoint Archie Gaul to the Water District for a 5 year term.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

- A) Reconsideration of a request from Harbor Committee to set Slip Fees for Thompson's Wharf for 2014.

Jim Black, Harbor Advisory Committee chairman discussed the committee's recommendation of \$75.00 per foot for 2014 Slip Fees at Thompson's Wharf, noting the differences in amenities compared to other local Marinas.

Harbor Master Kathy Pickering discussed the current waitlist and what the new facility will do for accommodating more boats.

Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the Harbor Committee to set Slip Fees for Thompson's Wharf for 2014 at \$75.00 per foot. The motion passed, 3-2 (with Councilors Sanders and Hamilton opposed).

- A)#1. Request from the Harbor Master to reject the bids for the Improvements to Belfast Public Landing and to go back out to bid for the project immediately.

City Manager Joseph Slocum explained the request to the Council.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to reject the bids for the Improvements to Belfast Public Landing and authorized the Harbor Master to go back out to bid for this project immediately. The motion passed, 5-0.

- A)#2. Request to consider Planning Board Committee appointments.

No discussion.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to appoint alternate Russ Barber to the remainder of Elizabeth Minor's term on the Planning Board Committee. The motion passed, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to appoint Steve Ryan to the Planning Board Committee as an alternate member. The motion passed, 5-0.

B) Request from the Police Chief to appoint two part time Police Patrol Officers.

No discussion.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the Police Chief to appoint two part time Police Patrol Officers, Gregory Jones and Lewis Dyer III. The motion passed, 5-0.

C) Request from the Economic Development Director to set up an Airport Master Plan Project Advisory Committee

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge gave an update of the Airport Master Plan Project and requested that as part of this process that the City Council forms an Airport Master Plan Project Advisory Committee.

Councilors discussed who the committee would be comprised of and how the City would get information out to the public about committee openings.

Councilors requested that one more spot be added to the committee for another abutter/close neighbor to the Airport.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the Economic Development Director to set up an Airport Master Plan Project Advisory Committee, with the addition of one more committee member who is an abutter or close neighbor. The motion passed, 5-0.

D) Requests from the Economic Development Director for authority to pursue a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to help pay for the Rail Trail project.

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge discussed this grant opportunity and requested from the Council the authority to apply for the grant and authority for the City Manager to sign necessary documents pertaining to the grant application.

Councilors discussed grant regulations and matching funds.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Lee, made a motion to accept the request from the Economic Development Director for authority to pursue grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 from the Northern Border Regional Commission to help pay for the Passy Rail Trail project, to provide at least the minimum of \$62,500 in matching funds for this application, and to

authorize the City Manager to sign documents pertaining to the grant application. The motion passed, 5-0.

E) Update from the City Planner on efforts to incorporate the recommendations to the Comprehensive Plan into Belfast land use regulations.

City Planner Wayne Marshall gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan including upcoming Public Hearing dates and location, postings to website, mailings to affected residents and where citizens can see hardcopies of information (City Hall & Belfast Free Library).

E)#1. Discussion on possible crosswalk at the Goose River Apartments.

City Manager Joseph Slocum discussed the concern for a crosswalk in this area and informed the Council that in order have a crosswalk in this location the City would have to request from the State to consider lowering the speed to 35 mph.

Councilors discussed this issue and requested that the City pursues getting the speed reduced to see if they can move forward with MDOT in getting a crosswalk in this area in the near future.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to have the City pursue getting the speed reduced by Goose River Apartments. The motion passed, 5-0.

F) Consideration of requests to cut down trees at 6 Court Street, 7 Swan Lake Ave and 100 Miller Streets.

Councilors discussed the condition of each of these trees, and determined that the tree at 6 Court Street could be removed, the tree at 7 Swan Lake Ave the Council would like to find out if the sidewalk could go around the tree rather than having it removed, and the Council would like to find out if crown reduction or cabling the tree at 100 Miller Street is a possibility rather than removal.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Lee, made a motion to accept the request to cut down the tree at 6 Court Street and to table the other two trees until further information can be provided. The motion passed, 5-0.

G) Request by the City Manager to go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal enforcement matter under 1MRSA 405 (6) E.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal enforcement matter pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) E at 8:42 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a legal enforcement matter pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) E at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

H) Request by the City Manager to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter under 1 MRSA 405 (6) A.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) A at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a personal matter pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) A at 9:37 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

I) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

Council Order # 61 Signed by Councilor Hurley, Ordered That:
Skateboarding Ordinance (Second reading approved by Council on August 6, 2013)

11) Open to the Public

None.

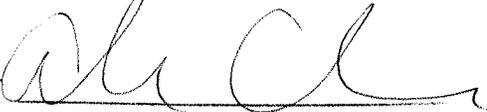
12) Communications

Councilor Hurley requested that the Harbor Master and Harbor Committee look into more City dock space and to reexamine the current \$40 Kayak fee.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

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IS A TRUE COPY OF INFORMATION
ON THE RECORD WHICH IS IN MY
OFFICIAL CUSTODY

ATTEST 

AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE