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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing #1

Pursuant to Belfast Victualer License Ordinance a public hearing will be held on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall on a new application for a Victualer’s License for Brian Berman d/b/a Subway located at 38 D Starrett Dr., Belfast, Maine.

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

Public Hearing #2

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to hear an application by Meanwhile LLC located at 2 Cross St., Belfast, Maine for a new Spirituous, Vinous and Malt license.

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

Regular Council Meeting No. 13

1) Call to order

2) **Present:** Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley and John Arrison; City Manager Joseph Slocum and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2014 and Special Council Meeting of December 30, 2014.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2014 and Special Council Meeting of December 30, 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. Jim Black, Harbor Committee Chair requested to speak during agenda item 10) E & D.
2. JB Turner, Front Street Shipyard requested to speak during agenda item 10) E.
3. Glenn Montgomery, Belfast spoke about the recent rescue of a cat on New Year's Eve and thanked all the City employees who came out to help with the rescue.

7) Communications

Councilor Sanders spoke about community efforts to raise travel funds for local officers to attend a funeral in New York.

Councilor Harkness encouraged the public to watch the School Board Candidates Forum; he informed the public about the Co-op's round-up opportunity this month, in which funds will be given to the Belfast Poetry Festival; and he gave the public information about literacy workshops through Belfast Adult Education this month.

Councilor Mortier thanked all those involved in the New Years by the Bay event; it was a very successful year.

Councilor Hurley addressed the Christmas tree that was taken down by the wind, gave a brief update on the Energy Committees first meeting, and discussed City and private property owner's responsibility to maintain snow on the sidewalk.

Councilor Sanders reminded everyone that Election Day is January 13th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for the new School Board members for RSU #71.

Councilor Arrison wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Manager Joseph Slocum informed the public of the following: the City Ice Rink is now open, please register your dogs by the end of the month, and the cat that was rescued on New Year's Eve has a new home.

Mayor Walter Ash thanked the community and City employees, noting that it is wonderful to be part of a community that cares about everything from its animals to honoring fallen Police Officers.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

No discussion.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve a new application for a Victualer's License by Brian Berman d/b/a Subway located at 38 D Starrett Dr., Belfast, Maine.
- B. Request to approve a new application for a Spirituous, Vinous and Malt license by Meanwhile LLC located at 2 Cross St., Belfast, Maine.

Councilor Arrison, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

This was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

- A) Request to appoint Erica Rubin Irish as the full time Children's Librarian at the Belfast Free Library.

Library Director Steve Norman discussed the search for a new Children's Librarian and introduced Erica Rubin Irish as the candidate he would like approval to hire.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the request to appoint Erica Rubin Irish as the full time Children's Librarian at the Belfast Free Library. This was approved, 5-0.

- B) Consideration of a request from CMP to relocate power poles on Washington St.

City Planner Wayne Marshall gave background information on private property owners hopes to redevelop the properties along Washington Street.

Steve Cookson, CMP discussed their request to permanently relocate power poles on Washington Street and reviewed on a map where the poles would be moved to and why.

Council discussed options with locating the lines underground and the cost associated.

City Manager Joseph Slocum and Steve Cookson discussed the possibility of utilizing Public Works for trenching which might help defray some cost to CMP.

Council requested more information regarding the possibility of placing the lines underground, the issue will be revisited at the January 20, 2015 Council Meeting.

C) Update on the possible sale of the Front Street Parking Lot to DUBBA LLC, also known as the Front Street Shipyard, for purposed of building a new Building # 6 upon that site.

City Planner Wayne Marshall discussed with the Council the following three things: property ownership, zoning and policy.

Council discussed Front Street Shipyards plan to build and how that correlates to the City's plan to redevelop Front Street.

D) First Reading on proposed changes to the Contract Rezoning Agreement #8 between DUBBA LLC and the City regarding a change in the date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016 by which the Shipyard would complete construction of Building #6.

City Planner Wayne Marshall reviewed the changes which deal with language and a few amendments, noting that the Second Reading and Public Hearing will be held at the next Council Meeting on January 20, 2015.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to accept the First Reading on proposed changes to the Contract Rezoning Agreement #8 between DUBBA LLC and the City regarding a change in the date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016 by which the Shipyard would complete construction of Building #6. This was approved, 5-0.

E) Consideration of a request from the Harbor Master to adopt a Plan for the Inner Harbor and to approve policies and guidelines to be used in the implementation of this plan.

Harbor Master Kathy Picking reviewed the proposed guidelines

JB Turner, Front Street Shipyard discussed concerns with placement of floats within the plan if the City decides to keep two of the moorings that were originally planned to be designated to the Shipyard.

Harbor Master Kathy Pickering discussed that the decision to reserve those two floats for the City came out of the need to preserve deep water for public use.

Council discussed concerns and possible alternate layout options, requesting that the Harbor Master, Harbor Committee and Front Street Shipyard all meet and try to work it out and come back to the Council on January 20th to discuss what they have come up with.

F) Request from the Police Chief to accept \$4,559 from the Waldo County Sheriff's Department representing the City's share of unclaimed cash associated with a law enforcement investigation.

Police Chief Michael McFadden explained how the Department acquired this money and discussed with the Council how he sees the Department utilizing the funds.

Council discussed the cost to Officers to purchase dress uniforms.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to accept the request from the Police Chief to accept \$4,559 from the Waldo County Sheriff's Department representing the City's Share of unclaimed cash associated with a law enforcement investigation, to be deposited in a separate account. These monies would be used for gifts or honorariums for the public that assist law enforcement with their duties, for assisting individuals and groups with combating addiction in our area, and to help with the purchase of dress uniforms for Belfast Police Officers. This was approved, 5-0.

G) Request from the City Manager to accept up to \$200 from local anonymous sources to help defray the transportation cost of two Belfast Police officers to the funeral services in New York for the Police Officers recently slain there.

No discussion.

Councilor Arrison, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the City Manager to accept up to \$200 from local anonymous sources to help defray the transportation cost of two Belfast Police officers to the funeral services in New York for the Police Officers recently slain there.. This was approved, 5-0.

H) Update on tax foreclosed property with a request from the City Manager for guidance on how to proceed with the disposition of tax foreclosed property.

City Manager Joseph Slocum discussed the process in which the City handles tax foreclosed properties and at this point was only looking to the Council to consider how they would like to proceed at the January 20th Council Meeting.

Councilors discussed the properties and the process.

I) Second reading on amending City Ordinance to prohibit motorized vehicles on the City owned Rail Trail.

Councilors discussed how they would handle individuals who might want to offer their services to groom the trail in the winter with their snowmobiles, ultimately agreeing that it would be up to the City Manager to consider legitimate request on a case by case basis.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the Second Reading on amending the City Ordinance to prohibit motorized vehicles on the City owned Rail Trail. This was approved, 5-0.

J) Request of the City Manager to go into executive session to discuss Union matters under 1 MRSA and 405 (6) D.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Union matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) D at 10:02 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss Union matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) D at 10:31 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

K) Request to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A at 10:31 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A at 11:05 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

L) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Open to the Public

No comments.

12) Communications

Councilor Hurley spoke about the need to include funds in each Departments budget for yearly photographs.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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OFFICIAL CUSTODY

ATTEST 
AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE