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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing #1

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 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 Rosamond Peters d/b/a Nautilus Seafood & Grill, LLC located at 95 Searsport Avenue Belfast, Maine for a premise transfer of the Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Restaurant/Lounge liquor license, to 3 Main Street, Belfast, Maine.

Mayor Ash asked for proponents and opponents.

Jenifer Oakes spoke on behalf of Nautilus Seafood & Grill and their plans to open in December for lunch and dinner at the former Weathervane Restaurant.

Mayor Ash declared the hearing closed.

Regular Council Meeting No. 10

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 to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

City Manager Joseph Slocum reminded Council that item **10) F #1** Update on safety associated with use of ammonia at the Penobscot McCrum manufacturing facility and other locations was added to 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 November 3, 2015 and Special Council Meeting of November 5, 2015.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2015 and Special Council Meeting of November 5, 2015. 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. Ridgley Fuller spoke about the upcoming informational/volunteer recruitment meeting regarding a Warming Center at Monday, November 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Troy Howard Middle School.
2. Roger Lee, Belfast spoke of concerns with features of the Harbor Walk that still need to be completed, such as the East Side of the Bridge and installation of kiosks.
3. Marina Delune, Belfast requested that the Council consider creating a committee to look at affordable housing in Belfast and spoke about concerns with the Comprehensive Plan only allowing two unit homes when there are opportunities in Belfast to create at least three unit homes.

7) Communications

Councilor Harkness updated the Council on the recent Community Radio Meeting and informed the public that the next meeting will be held on Monday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Councilor Sanders thanked our Veterans and all who participated in this year's Veterans Day parade.

Councilor Hurley addressed Marina Delune's request to create a committee to look at affordable housing.

Mayor Ash thanked those who participated in the Belfast Veterans Day Parade, noting that there was a good community turnout and support this year.

City Manager Joseph Slocum spoke about the following:

- Public Works is continuing to pick up leaves, weather permitting.
- Informed the Council about the American Legion's plan to place a dumpster on their property.
- Waldo Ave. Sidewalk is completed.
- City Hall is closed next Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Updated the Council on the Rail Trail.

Councilor Harkness congratulated Parks & Recreation Department on their Chamber of Commerce Award.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

Councilor Arrison gave a Broadband Committee update.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve the application by Rosamond Peters d/b/a Nautilus Seafood & Grill, LLC located at 95 Searsport Avenue Belfast, Maine for a premise transfer of the Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Restaurant/Lounge liquor license, to Main Street, Belfast, Maine.
- B. Request to approve a six-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Sealed Tickets) for Frank D. Hazeltine American Legion Post #43 located at 143 Church Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted for 7-days a week from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
- C. Request to approve a one-year Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Cribbage) for the American Legion Post #43 located at 143 Church Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- D. Request to approve a six-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Dice Game) for the American Legion Post #43 located at 143 Church Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
- E. Request by the Fire Chief to confirm Robert Currier as a member of the Belfast Fire Department and Ambulance Service as a call-in Firefighter and Ambulance Driver.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the consent agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

- A) Consideration of a request from the Sierra Club for the City to send a letter to President Obama to encourage him to push hard for a strong international response to climate change.

City Manager Joseph Slocum reviewed the request from the Sierra Club of Maine.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the request from the Sierra Club of Maine to write a letter to President Obama to encourage him to push for a strong international response to climate change, and to authorize the City Manager to customize, sign and send the letter on behalf of the Belfast City Council. This motion was approved, 5-0.

- B) Request from Waldo County General Hospital to remove a tree located on the border of the City's right-of-way and to further permit the installation of a pedestrian activated signal light on Northport Avenue.

Michael Hogan, Architect spoke about the Hospitals plans and requested that the Council authorize the removal of a tree located on the border of the City's right-of-way so that they can move forward with plans to relocate the entrance. He also requested authorization to install a pedestrian activated signal light on Northport Avenue.

Councilors discussed briefly a few details of the plan in relation to the requests.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the request from Waldo County General Hospital to remove a tree located on the border of the City's right-of-way and to further permit the installation of a pedestrian activated signal light on Northport Avenue. This motion was approved, 5-0.

C) Presentation of the recommended plan to rebuild Front Street in 2016.

City Planner, Wayne Marshall reviewed proposed project timeline and overall purpose of the project.

Mandy Olver, Olver Associates reviewed the scope of work and discussed changes with the Council.

Councilors discussed the details of the project and scope of work presented.

City Planner, Wayne Marshall noted that the Public Hearing will be scheduled for the next Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st.

D) Request to apply for a Project Canopy Grant in the amount of \$8000.

City Manager Joseph Slocum noted that the City currently has a Project Canopy Grant which will be executed with the planting of 21 trees in the Spring of 2016, he explained that the request is to apply for another Project Canopy Grant in the amount of \$8,000.

Councilor Hurley discussed coordinating the transplant of the perennials located in the base of many of the trees, along with the dismantling of the framing before the planting planned for the Spring of 2016.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request to apply for a 2015 Project Canopy Grant in the amount of \$8,000. This motion was approved, 5-0.

E) Request from the Economic Development Director for the Council to approve bids submitted and to award the bid to the successful bidder to conduct soil remediation work at 45 Front Street a.k.a. Belfast Yards.

Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge reviewed the bids and requested that the Council approve the bids and upon the recommendation of Ransom Consulting award the bid to the lowest bidder TMC Services.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the bids and award the bid to the lowest bidder, TMC Services of South Portland, for soil remediation work at 45 Front Street a.k.a Belfast Yards. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Request from the City Treasurer to transfer monies collected for the sale of cemetery lots in fiscal year 2014 – 2015 to the Cemetery Trust Account for perpetual care.

No discussion.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the request from the City Treasurer to transfer monies collected (\$7,000) for the sale of cemetery lots in the fiscal year 2014-2015 to the Cemetery Trust Account for perpetual care. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) #1 Update on safety associated with use of ammonia at the Penobscot McCrum manufacturing facility and other locations.

City Manager Joseph Slocum gave an update on Penobscot McCrum's Emergency Management Plan, he reviewed a list from the City and Waldo County Emergency Management for expenditures by Penobscot McCrum for the prevention, prompt notification and safer response related to a possible ammonia emergency in Belfast, and updated the Council on locating an independent consultant to review these facilities; which he is working to coordinate review of all facilities which include Penobscot McCrum, Mid Coast Frozen, and the Curling Club this Thursday, November 19th.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to authorize the list of expenditures by Penobscot McCrum for the prevention, prompt notification and safer response related to a possible ammonia emergency in Belfast. This motion was approved, 5-0.

G) Request to go into an Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 9:30 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 9:30 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

H) Signing of Council Orders

Council Order # 23 Signed by Councilor Hurley, Ordered That:

The following Trust Funds received during the FY 2014-2015 for the care of cemetery lots are listed below be accepted by the City of Belfast, the principal to be safely invested and the income

only therefore, to be used for the maintenance and repair of said lots:

Name	Lot	Range	Section	Amount
John Gray & Donna Fish	107	T	1975	350.00
Steve & Joanna Curtis	11 WH	H	1975	400.00
Scott Hawthorne	14-31	N	1975	1,000.00
Owen Smith	30 EH	O	1975	400.00
Arthur Buzzell/ME DHHS	108	T	1975	350.00
Leon & Margene Annis	106	T	1975	350.00
Eden Buron	4	T	1975	350.00
Patricia Heinz	5 & 6 SH	M	1975	600.00
Lyndon & Cathy Morgan	8 & 9 NH	H	1975	600.00
John & Patricia Worth	105	T	1975	350.00
Sandra, Larry & Greg Larrabee	11	M	1975	400.00
Dianne Mekelburg	26	B	1975	500.00
Richard Pomery	6 EH	D	1975	400.00
William & Susan Woehler	3 & 4 SH	S	1975	600.00
Estate of George Squibb	104	T	1975	350.00
				<u>\$7,000.00</u>

11) Open to the Public

No comments.

12) Communications

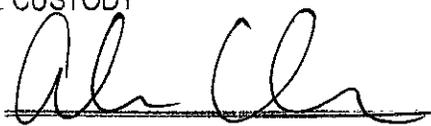
No communications.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. This motion was approved, 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