

City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing #1

The City of Belfast City Council, at its meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as practical thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall, which is located at 131 Church Street, shall conduct a public hearing regarding adoption of a proposed Moratorium to prohibit the following activities that will be permitted by the 'Marijuana Legalization Act': operation of a marijuana retail sale establishment, operation of a marijuana cultivation establishment for retail sale, and operation of a marijuana retail social club. A Moratorium, which is permitted by State Law, is effective for a period of 180 days and can be extended for additional 180 day periods. The purpose of this proposed Moratorium is to enable City officials and the community an opportunity to decide how Belfast may want to establish local regulations that would apply to the operation of the newly permitted activities regarding marijuana.

Persons who may be affected by the proposed Moratorium are encouraged to attend the January 3 public hearing and to offer comment. Alternatively, comment can be submitted in writing to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915, or by email to wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org. The language for the proposed Moratorium can be viewed on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes tab, and a copy is available for inspection at the Code and Planning Offices in City Hall during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, at 338-1417 x 25, or by email at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.

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1) Call to order

2) Roll call: 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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2016.

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

- A. Request to approve a Facility Use application by Makayla Reed and Rachel Epperly for the Belfast Has Pride event on Saturday, June 10, 2017 beginning with a Parade starting at 9:00 a.m. followed by festival at Steamboat Landing Park.
- B. Request to approve an application for a parade permit request submitted by Makayla Reed and Rachel Epperly for the Belfast Has Pride event on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. beginning at Belfast Area High School and ending at Steamboat Landing Park.

10) Business

A) Request for support to seek proposals to improve and maintain the City's computer systems.

B) Request to re-award the bid for the removal of tree obstructions at the Airports runway 15 end.

C) Request from the Police Chief to approve new procedures for the drawing of blood associated with driving under the influence charges.

D) Update from the City Assessor on possible changes in assessed valuations for portions of the City in 2017.

E) Second Reading and possible vote on a proposed City moratorium to prohibit the operation of a marijuana retail sale establishment, marijuana cultivation establishment and operation of marijuana retail social club.

F) Updated discussion on Council policies for committees regarding minutes, meetings etc.

G) Request from the City Manager for assistance to review the adequacy of Council annual salaries.

H) Signing of Council Orders

11) Open to the Public

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn