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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Regular Council Meeting No. 15

1) Call to order

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

Absent: Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

City Manager Joseph Slocum requested to amend the agenda, adding the following items:

9) C. Request by Belfast Fire Chief to hire Candice Davis as a Paramedic Per Diem for the Belfast Ambulance.

10) A. 1. Discussion of possible RSU #20 withdrawal and hiring of a financial consultant.

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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2014.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2014. This was approved, 5-0.

6) Open to the public

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1. Bob Shaw, Belfast. Spoke on behalf of 350 Waldo County and 350 Maine and their request to add the divestment of fossil fuels to the next City Council Meeting for discussion.
2. David Smith, Belfast. Spoke on behalf of 350 Waldo County and 350 Maine and would like to thank the Council for their consideration of this movement.
3. Christopher Hyk, Belfast. Requested that the City of Belfast court Northport during this withdrawal and keep them in the fold.

7) Communications

Councilor Sanders reminded the Council and public that the next Withdrawal Meeting will be February 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Hamilton informed the public that there is an Interfaith Fuel Fund fundraiser, The Chocolate Festival on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the First Congressional Church.

Councilor Hurley and Councilor Sanders discussed their thoughts on the adjustments made to the lights along the Harbor Walk and concerns that there are several lights that are still out.

City Manager Slocum thanked Dale Cross for his time at the YMCA.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

None.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve application by Erik Boucher, owner of GiddyUp Productions for the Rock Lobster Relay on Friday, August 22, 2014 to Saturday, August 23, 2014.
- B. Request to approve application by Mandie Sawyer, representing Avon Walk for Breast Cancer for the 3rd annual fundraiser 5K race referred to as the “Ta Ta Trot” on Sunday, March 30, 2014 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- C. Request by Belfast Fire Chief to hire Candice Davis as a Paramedic Per Diem for the Belfast Ambulance.

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

10) Business

- A) 1. Discussion of possible RSU #20 withdrawal and hiring of a financial consultant.

City Manager Joseph Slocum gave an update on the consultant interviews that took place on January 30, 2014 and the updated proposal that the City had received from Mr. Charles Lawton of Planning Decisions, Inc.

City Attorney Kristin Collins gave her perspective and urged the Council that input was needed ASAP and is looking to the Council to make a motion.

Councilors discussed their concerns with cost associated with the hiring of a consultant and the importance of having multiple scenarios to look at as possible options.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier made a motion to take the services of Charles Lawton of Planning Decisions, Inc. and to expend up to \$25,000 for Mr. Lawton's financial services which will come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. This motion was approved, 5-0.

A) Second reading on proposed amendment to chapter 102, zoning, Article 5, District regulations, division 15, this is part – Airport District Re: a proposal to allow certain manufacturing uses and warehouse uses to also operate a restaurant as an accessory use.

City Planner Wayne Marshall gave an overview of the proposed amendment to chapter 102, zoning, Article 5, District regulations, division 15 and the discussion that occurred during the first reading on January 21, 2014 Council Meeting.

Opened the floor to a Public Hearing on the matter:

1. Mike Danforth, Maine Maritime addressed the Council and asked if anyone had any further questions for him or the business regarding this matter.

Public Hearing closed, there was no further discussion.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to accept the second reading on proposed amendment to chapter 102, zoning, Article 5 District regulations, division 15, this is part – Airport District Re: a proposal to allow certain manufacturing uses and warehouse uses to also operate a restaurant as an accessory use. This motion was approved, 5-0.

B) Second reading and further consideration of various City Ordinance amendments that would extend the build out line in the Inner Harbor to within 25 feet of the Channel. These amendments include:

- Chapter 30, Marine Activities, Article 2, Harbors, Division 4
- Chapter 82, Shoreland, Article 5, Land Use Standards, Division 3
- Chapter 102, Zoning, Article 10, Contract Rezoning, Division 4

City Planner Wayne Marshall reviewed the City Ordinance amendments that would extend the build out line in the Inner Harbor to within 25 feet of the Channel and what this would mean to the Harbor.

Opened the floor to a Public Hearing on the matter:

Councilor Lee asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed

There was no further discussion.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to accept the second reading and further consideration of various City Ordinance amendments that would extend the build out line in the Inner Harbor to within 25 feet of the channel. These amendments include Chapter 30, Marine Activities, Article 2, Harbors, Division 4; Chapter 82, Shoreland, Article 5, Land Use Standards, Division 3; and Chapter 102, Zoning, Article 10, Contract Rezoning, Division 4. This motion was approved, 5-0.

C) Request from the Fire Chief to purchase an additional power stretcher for the new Ambulance.

City Manager Joseph Slocum explained the Fire Chief's request and informed the Council that the \$14,296.15 for a battery-powered hydraulic stretcher would come from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the request from the Fire Chief to purchase an additional power stretcher for the new Ambulance. This motion was approved, 5-0.

D) Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) A and D.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A and D at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Hamilton, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A and D at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

E) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

None.

11) Open to the Public

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None.

12) Communications

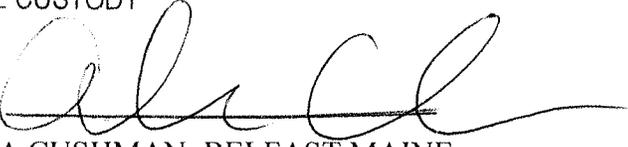
Councilor Hurley requested that we have plans for lighting along the Harbor Walk at the next Council Meeting on February 18, 2014.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Hamilton, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed, 5-0.

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AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE