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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

5:40 p.m. Committee Interviews

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 23

Public Hearing #1

Pursuant to Belfast Victualer License ordinance a public hearing will be held on June 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at Belfast City Hall on the following applications for a Victualer License renewal, due to expire May 31, 2025.

Carlos Laurel	d/b/a	Bay Wrap
Douglas Johnson	d/b/a	Belfast Community Co-op
Bridget & Michael Bowen	d/b/a	Bowen's Pizzeria & Deli
Daniel Jones	d/b/a	Laan Xang Café
The Otis Group	d/b/a	Rollie's Bar & Grill
Wind Tracy	d/b/a	Satori Belfast

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

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Eric Sanders, Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Chris Bitely, Paul Dean; City Manager Erin Herbig and Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

Mayor Sanders request to amend the agenda to include item **10) H #1** Request to approve a new Facility Use Application by the Our Town Belfast and the BAHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance Group for use of Heritage Park for a Belfast Price Celebration (post Parade) event on Saturday, June 8, between 10:30 AM-2 PM.

Councilor Bonneville, 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 21, 2024.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of May 21, 2024. This motion was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

City Manager Erin Herbig noted that the Council received no emails and no postal mail prior to noon today to be included as part of the Open to the Public.

1. Carol Herwig of Belfast discussed recent inventory work of Tree Working Group.
2. Jefferey Mabee of Belfast discussed his concerns with the Council moving forward with the boundary line survey.
3. Cecil Ryder of Belfast discussed concerns with item 10) L on the agenda.
4. Belfast Poet Laureate, Maya Stein of Northport, provided an update on her recent activities as Poet Laureate and read a poem.
5. Lawrence Reichard of Belfast asked questions about item 10) L on the agenda.
6. Kim Ervin Tucker, Esq. of Lincolnvile on behalf of her clients Jeffrey Mabee and Judith Grace, discussed item 10) L on the agenda and provided the Council with documentation for consideration.

B. Organization and Department Reports

- Presentation from Amanda Cunningham, Executive Director of Our Town Belfast, regarding the Our Town Belfast Entrepreneurial Ecosystem program.

7) Communications

Mayor Sanders and Councilors Harkness and Dean acknowledged the passing of the former Cemetery Superintendent, sharing stories of his time with the City and the pride he had in the work he did as Cemetery Superintendent.

Councilors Mortier and Bitely wished everyone a happy Pride Month, and noted the various Pride Celebrations that will be occurring over the weekend in Belfast.

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

- Consideration of Committee Appointments.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Bitely, made a motion to reappoint Hadan Kauffman to the Library Board of Trustees. This motion was approved, 4-1 (Councilor Bonneville opposed).

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to reappoint Kenneth Colby Horne to the Water District Trustees. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to appoint Judson Thomas, Holly Wise, Ralph Luken, Daniel Cowan and Shawn Rumery and to reappoint Bernard Baker to the Climate, Energy, and Utilities Committee. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilors discussed the Broadband Committee, deciding to revisit the committee again at a future date, and thanked all the applicants who applied.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to authorize City staff to advertise for the Planning Board opening. This motion was approved, 5-0.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

A. Request to approve the following applications for a Victualer License renewal, due to expire May 31, 2025.

Carlos Laurel	d/b/a	Bay Wrap
Douglas Johnson	d/b/a	Belfast Community Co-op
Bridget & Michael Bowen	d/b/a	Bowen's Pizzeria & Deli
Daniel Jones	d/b/a	Laan Xang Café
The Otis Group	d/b/a	Rollie's Bar & Grill
Wind Tracy	d/b/a	Satori Belfast

B. Request to approve a Lunch Wagon License permit application by Judi Bisceglia d/b/a Za'spresso "Little Italy Bus" located at Front Street Shipyard 101 Front Street, Belfast, Maine, license to expire on December 31, 2024.

C. Request to approve an off-premises catering permit for The Otis Group Incorporated d/b/a Rollie's Bar and Grill for the MaineBiz afterhours event on May 23, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. located at the Belfast Yacht Club, 18 Spring Street, Belfast, Maine.

- D. Request to approve an off-premises catering permit for The Otis Group Incorporated d/b/a Rollie's Bar and Grill for the Senior College reception on May 29, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at the Belfast Boathouse, 34 Commercial Street, Belfast, Maine.
- E. Request to approve an off-premises catering permit for The Otis Group Incorporated d/b/a Rollie's Bar and Grill for the Judge Murrary retirement reception on May 30, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at the Waldo County Shrine Club, 20 Northport Ave., Belfast, Maine.
- F. Request to approve a new application for a Special Amusement Permit for Bowen's Pizzeria & Deli LLC d/b/s Bowen's Pizzeria & Deli for Live Music, DJ, Karaoke, all Live Entertainment, and dancing at 181 Waterville Rd., Belfast, Maine, interior only.
- G. Request to approve the Election Warrant from the City Clerk for the June 11, 2024, Regional School Unit #71 Budget Referendum Election.
- H. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by the Cornerspring Montessori School for use of Steamboat Landing Park and gazebo for their annual End-of-Year Celebration on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

A) Proclamation honoring Greater Bay Area Ministerium (GBAM) as the 2024 Belfast Spirit of America recipient.

Councilor Harkness read the proclamation recognizing GBAM as the 2024 Belfast Spirit of America recipient.

B) Presentation regarding the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Members Jill Goodwin, Thomas Fowler, Jonathan Beal, Syrena Gatewood, Anne Saggese, and Committee Chair John Carrick along with consultants Susanne Paul and Noel Musson of the Musson Group gave a presentation on the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan.

C) Public Hearing regarding the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan.

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

D) Council adoption of the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan.

City Councilors asked questions and thanked Comprehensive Planning Committee Members and consultants of the Musson Group for their time in putting together the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to approve the 2024 State-Approved Belfast Comprehensive Plan, acknowledging the work of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. This motion was approved, 5-0.

E) Request from the Wastewater Superintendent to approve a sewer abatement for the Deborah Lincoln House located at 60 Cedar Street.

Wastewater Superintendent Travis Jones reviewed the request for a sewer abatement for the Deborah Lincoln House located at 60 Cedar Street and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to authorize the sewer abatement for The Deborah Lincoln House Inc. located at 60 Cedar Street for \$2,443.54. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Request from the Wastewater Superintendent to approve a sewer abatement for Raymond Young located at 58 Searsport Avenue.

Wastewater Superintendent Travis Jones reviewed the request for a sewer abatement for Raymond Young located at 58 Searsport Avenue and answered Council questions.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to authorize the Sewer Abatement for Raymond Young located at 58 Searsport Avenue for \$2,757.60. This motion was approved, 5-0.

G) Request to approve a new Facility Use Application by the Belfast Soup Kitchen for use of Steamboat Landing Park for a fundraising event on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Director Pam Salokangas reviewed the new Facility Use Application by the Belfast Soup Kitchen for use of Steamboat Landing Park for a fundraising event on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to approve the new Facility Use Application by the Belfast Soup Kitchen for use of Steamboat Landing Park for a fundraising event on September 29, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This motion was approved, 5-0.

H) Request to place an interpretive sign along an access path to the Harbor Walk that tells the story of the Sturgeon Mural.

Parks and Recreation Director Pam Salokangas reviewed the request to place an interpretive sign along an access path to the Harbor Walk that tells the story of the Sturgeon Mural.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to approve the request to place an interpretive sign along an access path to the Harbor Walk, as presented. This motion was approved, 5-0.

H) #1 Request to approve a new Facility Use Application by the Our Town Belfast and the BAHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance Group for use of Heritage Park for a Belfast Price Celebration (post Parade) event on Saturday, June 8, between 10:30 AM-2 PM.

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I) Request for authorization to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program.

Economic Development Director Thomas Kittredge reviewed the request to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to made to authorize the Director to submit an application for the City of Belfast's \$963,000 in Community Project Funding through the JustGrants platform; and authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary and related to this Community Project Funding on behalf of the City of Belfast. This motion was approved, 5-0.

J) Request to consider approval of a Right of Way Encroachment Agreement for Jack's Grocery at 15 High Street Map 36 Lot 2.

City Manager Erin Herbig reviewed the request to approve a Right of Way Encroachment Agreement for Jack's Grocery at 15 High Street Map 36 Lot 2.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a right of way encroachment agreement with Kevin and Molly Barrett regarding encroachment of the building known as Jack's Grocery into the Bell Street City right of way. This motion was approved, 5-0.

K) Request to Approve a Central Maine Power Pole Permit Application for one new pole located on Northport Avenue.

City Manager Erin Herbig briefly reviewed the request to approve a Central Maine Power Pole Permit Application for one new pole located on Northport Avenue.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to approve a Central Maine Power Pole Permit Application for one new pole located on Northport Avenue. This motion was approved, 5-0.

L) Update from the City Attorney regarding boundary survey work being completed in coordination with the Town of Northport and Request to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Northport.

City Attorney Kristin Collins reviewed the regarding boundary survey work being completed in coordination with the Town of Northport, the request to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Northport and answered Council questions.

Councilors discussed the language of the Memorandum of Understanding and why they would either vote in favor or against it.

M) Request to go into an Executive Session on a Legal Matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Legal Matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E at 9:09 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session on a Legal Matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E at 9:40 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

N) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

Council Order #60 Signed by Councilor Dean Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$2,500.00 to facilitate demolition and cleanup of collapsed shed on City property at 282 Northport Avenue, Map 29 Lot 36. Funding is to come from the Capital Improvement Project Account #720-918. (Approved May 21, 2024)

11) Open to the Public

1. Cecil Ryder of Belfast thanked the Council for serving and noted that listening to Council comments and discussion was interesting.
2. Jefferey Mabee of Belfast noted that he felt that it's not a bad thing to be biased about the law and thanked the Council for all they do.
3. Andy Stevenson of Belfast thanked the Council for their service to the community, discussed the need for community healing, and inquired about who raised the question about the boundary lines.

12) Communications

No comments.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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ON THE RECORD WHICH IS IN MY
OFFICIAL CUSTODY

ATTEST



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