

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

6:00 p.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.

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 15

1) Call to order

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2025.

6) A. Open to the public

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B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve an extension of liquor license application for Darby's Inc. d/b/a Darby's Restaurant and Pub located at 155 High Street, Belfast, Maine to extend the capacity of their property to the sidewalk/parking spaces for an ice bar as part of the Belfast Ice Festival on February 21, 2025, through February 23, 2025.

10) Business

A) Authorization for an expenditure from the Keep the Faith Fund in response to a fire at 75 Wight Street.

B) Further discussion and possible action on election polling locations.

C) Request from the Public Works Director for authorization for an expenditure to purchase an excavator.

D) Request from the Public Works Director for authorization for an expenditure to purchase supplies to build new downtown trash boxes.

E) Request from the Code Enforcement Officer to pursue Rule 80K action in District Court to enforce the Dangerous Building Statute and Property Maintenance Code Violations concerning the condemned building located at 333 High Street.

F) Presentation on proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Residential 5 and Residential 6 Zoning District Map adjustment to accommodate increased housing opportunities.

G) First Reading on proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Residential 5 and Residential 6 Zoning District Map adjustment to accommodate increased housing opportunities.

H) Request for approval of a Facility Use Request by the Belfast Academy of Dance on Saturday, February 22nd.

I) Request by the Airport Manager to submit a letter of support for LD 138, An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections.

J) Request by the Airport Manager to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to pay for 95% of Phase 2 of the Airport Master Plan update.

K) Request for approval of a draft letter to Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding a request to lower the speed limit to 40-mph on Route.

L) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn