

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 5, 2013

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 6:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. MACDONALD, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Macdonald, Councilors Butler, D' Auteuil, Libby, Christ, Cayer and Desjardins, City Administrator Edward Barrett, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Absent/Excused: Councilor Saddlemire (Note – Under the City Charter, the Mayor is permitted to cast a vote in the absence of a City Councilor.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Libby:

To enter into executive session to review an application submitted under M.R.S.A., Title 36, section 841 (2). Passed - Vote 7-0

7:00pm Regular Meeting

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. MACDONALD, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Macdonald, Councilors Butler, D' Auteuil, Libby, Christ, Cayer and Desjardins, City Administrator Edward Barrett, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Absent/Excused: Councilor Saddlemire

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence.

RECOGNITION OF ICE FESTIVAL OF LEWISTON/AUBURN EVENT ORGANIZERS

The Mayor presented certificates of recognition to Odelle Bowman of L/A Arts and Jules Patry of Davinci's for the first Ice Festival that was held last month.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public offered comments at this time period.

**SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR THE CARLTON CLUB,
25 SABATTUS STREET**

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Libby:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for live entertainment to The Carlton Club, 25 Sabattus Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR THE CONDITIONAL REZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 393 MAIN STREET FROM THE COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO THE DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Christ:

To approve first passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to conditionally rezone the property at 393 Main Street from the Community Business District to the Downtown Residential District, subject to a conditional agreement and to continue the hearing to the next regular City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AN AMERICORPS MEMBER TO COODINATE THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Libby, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To approve the Order authorizing the Library Director to apply for an AmeriCorps member to coordinate the Academic Success Homework Help Program:

Whereas, the Library's Academic Success Homework Help program offered in cooperation with the Downtown Education Collaborative and the Harward Center at Bates College, serves approximately 250 students during the course of the academic year; and

Whereas, many of those assisted are English language learners who come from homes where limited homework assistance can be provided by other family members; and

Whereas, the program has normally be administered by either an AmeriCorps or VISTA member with homework help provided by volunteers trained by staff from the Harward Center at Bates College; and

Whereas, the local match to support the AmeriCorps or VISTA member has been provided through grants and other non-City sources including the United Way of Androscoggin Valley; and

Whereas, the Downtown Education Collaborative has once again applied for funding from United Way for the local match; and

Whereas, this Academic Success program is a crucial component of the Library's services,

providing valuable and needed assistance to middle and high school students in Lewiston; and

Whereas, Council approval for applying does not bind the City to accept the grant should funding for the local match not be found;

Now, therefore, be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the Library Director is hereby authorized to apply to Goodwill Industries of Northern New England for an AmeriCorps member for the school year 2013-2014 to run the Academic Success Homework Help program, with the understanding that the Library and its partners in this effort will secure the outside funding necessary to meet the local match required by the AmeriCorps program.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR APPLICATION
SUBMITTED UNDER TITLE 36, SECTION 841(2)**

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To deny the abatement in the amount of property taxes requested for Case Number 2013-01; said application submitted under M.R.S.A., Title 36, section 841 (2). Passed - Vote 7-0

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Representatives Peggy Rotundo, Mike Carey and Mike Lajoie presented a budget update to the Council. A discussion ensued between the State Representatives and the City Council on the local impacts of the state budget cuts.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405(6)(c), to discuss Real Estate Negotiations, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Session started at 8:15pm and ended at 9:07pm

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Butler, second by Councilor Libby:

To adjourn at 9:07 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 5, 2013

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine