

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 21, 2017

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. MACDONALD, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Macdonald, Councilors Lysen, Lajoie, Golden, Bouchard, Cloutier, Beam and Lachance, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Moment of Silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Soule, 135 Bartlett Street, stated he is concerned with the many hidden costs involved with the consolidation project. He also stated he is running for Mayor in the November 2017 city election.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL
AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR
DAVINCI'S, 150 MILL STREET**

Mayor Macdonald 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 (68-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To grant a Special Amusement permit for live entertainment to Davinci's, 150 Mill Street.
Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE AND
SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE
RAMADA LEWISTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, 490 PLEASANT STREET**

Mayor Macdonald 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 (69-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve a new liquor license application and special amusement permit for the Ramada Lewiston Hotel & Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street.
Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ORDINANCE REGARDING HABITUAL PARKING VIOLATORS

Mayor Macdonald 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. Police Chief O'Malley provided the Council with background information regarding this item.

VOTE (70-2017)

Motion by Councilor Bouchard, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70 "Traffic and Vehicles", Section 70-20 "Same – Definitions" receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for final passage. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REPORT" OF MARCH 2017

Councilor Lachance noted that LD 584 is a bill before the Legislature and was proposed by Senator Libby of Lewiston. It would provide for MDOT funding of the city costs for upgrading pedestrian safety measures.

VOTE (71-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Resolve, Accepting and Approving the "Pedestrian Safety Report" of March 2017:

Whereas, over a thirteen month period, three fatal pedestrian/vehicle accidents occurred within the City of Lewiston; and

Whereas, the most recent accident involved the death of a middle school youth who was struck in a marked crosswalk while on his way to school; and

Whereas, a November 2016 community forum was held at Lewiston City Hall to allow the public to voice their concerns and ideas to address pedestrian safety; and

Whereas, additional public feedback was also gathered through emails to municipal leaders and the Community forum on Pedestrian Safety Facebook page; and

Whereas, Council President Kristen Cloutier, State Senator Nate Libby, and School Committee Chair Linda Scott developed a report to assist in focusing efforts to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users of the public right-of-way; and

Whereas, this report was presented and reviewed at a Council workshop held on March 7, 2017;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the “Pedestrian Safety Report” of March 2017 is hereby accepted and approved.

Passed - Vote 7-0

UPDATE FROM THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Cloutier noted that a long time principal, Tom Hood, is retiring. The School recently hired Margaret White as the new Business Manager. The Committee recently voted to support LD 573. They are currently working on reviewing the Superintendent’s proposed budget.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Lysen invited everyone to attend a Housing Summit on April 8 at the Bates Mill.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (72-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lachance:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (E) to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:19 pm and ended at 7:38pm.

VOTE (73-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Golden:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (E) to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:38 pm and ended at 8:12pm.

VOTE (74-2017)

Motion by Councilor Bouchard, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (D) to discuss Labor Negotiations regarding the International Association of Firefighters, Local 785.

Passed - Vote 7-0

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Executive Session began at 8:12 pm and ended at 8:49pm.

VOTE (75-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To adjourn at 8:49P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine