

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 15, 2017

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (192-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss Disposition of Property, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:04pm and ended at 6:28pm.

VOTE (193-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lachance:

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

Executive Session began at 6:28pm and ended at 6:54pm.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE CHIEF

The City Administrator introduced Brian Stockdale, the new Lewiston Fire Chief. Chief Stockdale said he is looking forward to serving the community and thanked the City Administrator for giving him this opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Soule, 135 Bartlett Street, said the School should take the \$500,000 recently received by the state and use it for tax relief and tax reimbursement for residents.

Charles Soule, 135 Bartlett Street, asked to have item 4 removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE OWNER'S OFFER – ASSENT TO ACCEPT MAINEDOT'S OFFER FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND A LAND PURCHASE FOR THE BARTLETT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

VOTE (194-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Order authorizing the City Administrator to execute Owner's Offer – Assent to Accept MaineDOT's Offer for various construction easements and a land purchase for the Bartlett Street Improvement Project:

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute Owner's Offer – Assents with the Maine Department of Transportation for the purpose of transferring fee interest to the Maine Department of Transportation of a small parcel of land at the intersection of East Avenue and Bartlett Street and providing Maine DOT with temporary construction easements for seven city-owned parcels on Bartlett Street in accordance with the attached list of properties and amounts to be received by the City.

Passed - Vote 7-0

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

VOTE (195-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

That pursuant to Title 15, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 5824(3) and Section 5822(4)(A), the City Council hereby acknowledges and approves of the transfer of \$7,995.00, less administrative fees, or any portion thereof, in the case of State of Maine vs. Debra Ann Lake, CR-16-3623; the transfer of \$2,286.00, less administrative fees, or any portion thereof, in the case of State of Maine vs. Steeve Joseph, CR-17-2124; the transfer of the value of a 2010 BMW 535xi Sedan, less administrative fees, or any portion thereof, in the case of the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration vs. CE-17-0014, 17-DEA-632089; the transfer of \$4,390, less administrative fees, or any portion thereof, in the case of the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration vs. CE-16-0020, 17-DEA-632244; and the transfer of \$77,900, less administrative fees, or any portion thereof, in the case of the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration vs. CE-16-0020, 17-DEA-632243. Being funds forfeited pursuant to court process. It is further acknowledged that these funds shall be credited to the 'City of Lewiston Drug Enforcement Program'.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE TAKING POSSESSION OF THE TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY AT 148 BARTLETT STREET

VOTE (196-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To adopt the Resolve taking possession of the Tax Acquired Property at 148 Bartlett Street:

Whereas, staff has recently undertaken a review of properties on which tax liens have matured; and

Whereas, among such properties is the vacant parcels of land located at 148 Bartlett Street; and

Whereas, numerous attempts have been made to contact the owner through the normal collection and tax lien process in accordance with City Policy #92, Properties with Matured Tax or Utility Liens; and

Whereas, in spite of these additional efforts, the amounts due to the City have not been paid; and

Whereas, as a result, it is appropriate for the City Council to act to take possession of this property and consider its future use and/or disposition;

Now, therefore, be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that, based on matured liens, the City take formal possession of the property located at 148 Bartlett Street; and

Be it Further Ordered, that subject to a positive recommendation from the Planning Board, this property be offered for sale through a formal sealed bid process.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEWISTON AREA PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

VOTE (197-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To appoint the following nominees to the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee:

- 1) Public Health Expert/Practitioner – Kahin Adam, 11 ½ Jefferson Street, Lewiston
- 2) Area Resident – Abdulkarim Said, 325 Court Street, Auburn

Passed - Vote 7-0

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY CLERK TO CAST THE CITY’S BALLOT FOR THE MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION’S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT

VOTE (198-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the slate of candidates as presented on the Maine Municipal Association’s ballot and

to authorize the City Clerk to cast the City's ballot for the Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee and Vice-President. Passed – Vote 7-0

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 502 LISBON STREET TO THE PUBLIC THEATRE

Charles Soule, 135 Bartlett Street, asked the value of the property and said it should have been put out for bid instead of given to the Theater group.

VOTE (199-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Order authorizing the City Administrator to transfer the city-owned property at 502 Lisbon Street to the Public Theatre:

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Public Theatre has requested that the City convey the property at 502 Lisbon Street to the Theatre for no consideration and for the purposes of constructing an addition to their building and converting a portion of this parcel to green space; and

Whereas, this is a 5,000 square foot property that contained a mixed use structure demolished in 1992 due to a fire and that is currently paved with 14 parking spaces; and

Whereas, since the City acquired the parcel, there has been no interest expressed in developing it because of its limited size; and

Whereas, the Planning Board has reviewed this request and recommends its approval to transfer the property;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to transfer the property located at 502 Lisbon Street to the Public Theatre at no charge subject to:

- Agreement by the Public Theatre to Pay all costs associated with transfer of the property including any city legal fees, transfer tax payments, or others expenses, including the cost of establishing the boundaries of the property recognizing that the intersection of Lisbon and Maple has been redesigned and that a portion of the property impinging on the required right of way must be excluded from the transfer;
- The retention by the City of necessary right of way for Lisbon and Maple Streets and associated sidewalks;
- Agreement by the Theatre must obtain all required City permits for any construction or modifications to the transferred property and that plans for all changes, improvements, and enhancements to the property, including any signage to be installed, must be submitted to the City's Staff Review Committee for review and approval, subject to an appeal to the City Council in case of disagreements between the parties.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A NEW APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR
HIBACHI SUPER BUFFET, 40 EAST AVENUE**

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

VOTE (200-2017)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve a new liquor license application for Hibachi Super Buffet, 40 East Avenue. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL
AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SPARETIME
RECREATION, 24 MOLLISON WAY**

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

VOTE (201-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To grant a Special Amusement permit for live entertainment to Sparetime Recreation, 24 Mollison Way. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL
AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ANDROSCOGGIN
BANK COLISEE, 190 BIRCH STREET**

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

VOTE (202-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To grant a Special Amusement permit for live entertainment to The Androscoggin Bank Colisee, 190 Birch Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT FOR LIVE MUSIC IN KENNEDY PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH
LEWY'S TINY TRI EVENT**

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

VOTE (203-2017)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event in Kennedy Park, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, for live music to be offered in Kennedy Park on Saturday, August 26, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR AN OUTDOOR MUSIC EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE SIMARD-PAYNE MEMORIAL PARK

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

VOTE (204-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Alzheimer's Association walk event, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the Alzheimer's Association for the event to be held at the Simard-Payne Park on Saturday, September 16, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF LIVE MUSIC AT DUFRENSE PLAZA IN CONJUNCTION WITH A THEATER PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY THE LEWISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

VOTE (205-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Golden:

To conduct a public hearing on an application from the Lewiston Public Library for live music to be held at Dufresne Plaza on September 7, 8 and 9, and to authorize a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the Library for the outdoor event, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Land Use Officer and Code/Health Officer regarding compliance with all regulations, and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST & FINAL PASSAGE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT ONLY SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE

Citing a conflict of interest regarding her place of employment, Councilor Cloutier recused

herself from this item. Councilor Lysen expressed concern due to the lack of opportunity to obtain temporary parking permits for guests. He suggested limiting the number of permits per unit such as two per dwelling unit. It was noted that students receive a college parking sticker for their vehicles. Mayor Macdonald opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. Maura Murphy, 23 White Street noted there are dozens of extra vehicles parked along side streets due to Bates College students who are tenants of properties in the neighborhood. She said sometimes residents are blocked in their driveway and cannot move their vehicle out because vehicles parked on the street block the end of driveways. Rick Lapointe, 31 Davis Street, is not opposed to an overnight parking ban. Jeffrey Swift, Bates Treasurer, thanked the city staff for their work on this issue and said the College is happy to work with the City to find a solution. Bruce Noddin, 253 Oak Street, said the yellow striping on pavement for no parking is ignored and it is unsafe to back out into traffic. He said Bates security patrols the area but does not do anything to enforce the city parking regulations. He said he feels if they see violations regarding parking, they should report it. Paul Menance, director of Bates College Security, said their enforcement officers have no authority off of Bates property. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Councilor Lajoie said it is a concern the Lewiston Police Department is not enforcing parking regulations and addressing parking problems as Mr. Noddin has described. He said the parking ordinances need to be enforced in the neighborhoods. The Mayor said this is a city problem and not a Bates College problem. He said the landlords need to check the leases and a letter needs to be sent to students informing them of the city's parking regulations.

VOTE (206-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To postpone action on this item to the next City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0
(Councilor Cloutier recused herself; Mayor Macdonald voted in her place)

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE FOR LAND USE CODE AMENDMENTS
CONCERNING VARIANCES FOR MOBILE HOMES ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS**

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

VOTE (207-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

That the proposed amendment to the Appendix A, Article IX "Appeals", Section 12, "Effect of granting a variance for single family detached dwelling and mobile homes on individual residential lot", of the City Zoning and Land Use Code, receive final passage by a roll call vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST PASSAGE FOR LAND USE CODE AMENDMENTS
REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE LEWISTON CANAL WATER POWER
HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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

VOTE (208-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A, Article XV, “Significant Buildings and Districts”. Section 6. “Designated Historic Structures and Historic Districts”, Subsection b 3 “Lewiston Canal Water Power Historic District”, of the City Zoning and Land Use Code, receive first passage by a roll call vote, and to refer the ordinance amendment to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board for recommendations. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE TO CONTRACTUALLY REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 299 RIVER ROAD FROM THE RURAL AGRICULTURAL (RA) DISTRICT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION “B” (NCB) DISTRICT

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

VOTE (209-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve Final Passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to contractually rezone the property at 299 River Road from the Rural Agriculture (RA) District to the Neighborhood Conservation “B” District, subject to a contractual agreement. Passed - Vote 7-0

ADOPTION OF A NEW CITY POLICY REGARDING A RESIDENT PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY POLICY

VOTE (210-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To postpone action on this matter to the September 5 City Council meeting Passed - Vote 7-0

ADOPTION OF A NEW CITY POLICY ESTABLISHING A TREEBATE PROGRAM

VOTE (211-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To approve the Resolve establishing a Treebate Program:

Whereas, Trees enhance the urban environment by reducing stormwater runoff and absorbing rainfall, reducing soil erosion, absorbing odors and polluting gases, conserving energy when strategically placed around buildings, and improving the community’s overall aesthetic; and

Whereas, It is the City’s policy to encourage planting trees on private property through providing a “treebate” to residents who plant new trees meeting certain minimum requirements on single family and duplex properties;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the attached Treebate Policy is hereby adopted.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE TREEBATE PROGRAM

VOTE (212-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To approve the Resolve appropriating \$60,000 from the General Fund's Undesignated Fund Balance for the Treebate Program:

Whereas, Trees enhance the urban environment by reducing stormwater runoff and absorbing rainfall, reducing soil erosion, absorbing odors and polluting gases, conserving energy when strategically placed around buildings, and improving the community's overall aesthetic; and

Whereas, It is the City's policy to encourage planting trees on private property through providing a "treebate" to residents who plant new trees meeting certain minimum requirements on single family and duplex properties;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$60,000 from the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of funding a Treebate Program, including cost associated with publicizing the program, and authorizing the Finance Director to establish the necessary accounts.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE RESCINDING CERTAIN SCHOOL PROJECT BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

VOTE (213-2017)

Motion by Councilor Golden, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To approve the Resolve rescinding certain school project bond authorizations:

Whereas, on November 17, 2015, the City Council approved issuing \$1,896,000 in bonds for the Farwell Elementary School Classroom Expansion project; and

Whereas, the project was completed and bond were sold for \$1,690,000; and

Whereas, the remaining authorization of \$206,000 should be rescinded; and

Whereas, \$236,526 was authorized for the local portion of the new elementary school construction project on May 17, 2016 as part of the FY2017 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program; and

Whereas, this amount was subsequently duplicated in the overall project authorization on bonding; and

Whereas, this funding is no longer needed and should be rescinded;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that \$206,000 in authorized bonds for the Farwell Classroom Expansion project and \$236,526 in authorized bonding for the new elementary school project are hereby rescinded.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ACTION GRANT; TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC. IN MATTERS RELATE TO THAT GRANT; AND TO PROVIDE A FIRM CASH COMMITMENT OF \$237,500 IN CDBG OR OTHER MUNICIPAL FUNDS TO LEVERAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE TO BE CREATED CHOICE PLAN

VOTE (214-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the City Administrator to apply for and accept a Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant; to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Concepts, Inc., in matters related to that grant; and to provide a firm cash commitment of \$237,500 in CDBG or other municipal funds to leverage implementation of action activities identified in the to be created Choice Plan:

Whereas, downtown Census Tracts 201, 203 and 204 have a population of 10,904 people living in 4,832 households; and

Whereas, 48% of this population have incomes below the federal poverty level; and

Whereas, the unemployment rate in these Census Tracts is 14.6%, which is 2 ½ times the 5.7% rate of the city as a whole; and

Whereas, a majority of the housing stock in these Census Tracts was built before 1940, suffers from disinvestment, and by their age, present a lead hazard to families living in them; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development offers the Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant Program to makes available up to \$1.3 million in grant funding to successful applicants, which includes \$350,000 in funding for citizen engaged planning activities and up to \$950,000 in funding to leverage implementation of action items identified in the plan; and

Whereas, the planning funds are to be used to develop multifaceted transformation plans that address not only housing but also residents and the physical neighborhoods in which they live;

and

Whereas, the John T. Gorman foundation has funded pre-grant submission planning that has engaged Community Concepts, Healthy Neighborhoods Planning Council, Tree Street Youth, Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, the Root Cellar and other stakeholders and residents to develop a strategy and infrastructure to apply for and implement this grant initiative; and

Whereas, to successfully compete for Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant, a cash commitment of 25% of the \$950,000 action portion of the grant is required to be used to leverage implementation of plan identified action items;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to

- Apply for and accept a Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant, or any portion thereof
- Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Concepts (CCI) that defines the roles, responsibilities, and relationship between the City and CCI in regard to the grant
- Firmly commit \$237,500 in cash funded with CDBG or other municipal dollars to implement action items identified in the transformation plan.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LEWISTON AUBURN CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PLACE THIS MATTER ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MUNICIPAL BALLOT AND APPROVAL OF THE BALLOT QUESTION

VOTE (215-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Resolve, Setting the Public Hearing on the proposed Lewiston Auburn Consolidation Agreement, Authorizing the City Clerk to place this matter on the November 7, 2017 municipal ballot and Approval of the Ballot Question:

Whereas, the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission has submitted its consolidation report and associated materials to both Cities; and

Whereas, the state statute governing municipal consolidation requires that each community separately schedule and hold a public hearing on the consolidation report; and

Whereas, notice of hearing must be given at least 30 days before the election and at least 10 days before the hearing;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that a public hearing on the consolidation report submitted by the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission shall be

held at the Lewiston Middle School Auditorium at 6 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017; and furthermore, that

The City Clerk is hereby authorized to place the issue of the proposed charter and consolidation agreement before the Lewiston voters at the November 7, 2017 municipal election, and furthermore, that

The ballot question be as follows:

“Do you approve the charter and consolidation agreement as recommended by the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission?”

Passed - Vote 7-0

UPDATE FROM THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Cloutier reported that eighteen students recently graduated from the adult education high school program and received their diplomas. She noted the School is hiring additional teachers and ed techs due to the additional state funds recently received. She stated the student populations warrant new staff.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

No reports or updates were presented at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (216-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

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

Executive Session began at 9:30pm and ended at 9:56pm.

VOTE (217-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lachance, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To adjourn at 9:56 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine