

**CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 2, 2006**

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

THE HONORABLE LIONEL C. GUAY, JR., MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Mendros, Bernier, O'Brien, Jean, Samson, Paradis, Rousseau, City Administrator James Bennett, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED A. PLOURDE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Mayor Guay presented the Alfred A. Plourde Memorial Scholarship to Lewiston High School senior Marissa Iadevaia-Jalbert. She plans to attend Southern Connecticut State University this fall to study Library Science and would like to return to the Lewiston area after graduation to work in a public or school library.

**VOTE (102-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 18, 2006, meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

**AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE REGARDING PARKING  
PROHIBITED ON A PORTION OF CROSS STREET**

**VOTE (103-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor Paradis:

To approve the proposed amendments to the Traffic Schedule for a portion of Cross Street which would prohibit parking on the south side of the street from Lincoln Street to Oxford Street, as outlined on the attached vote sheet:

Section 9 - Parking Prohibited - All Times - Fire Lanes

CROSS STREET

North side, beginning at the northwesterly corner of Lincoln Street and Cross Street, and continuing westerly on Cross Street for a distance of 45'; (permitting parking for a distance of 110') beginning again at a point 155' from said corner, and continuing through the southwesterly corner where Cross Street joins Oxford Street.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE REGARDING REGULATION OF  
PARKING TIMES FOR A PORTION OF BARTLETT STREET**

**VOTE (104-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor Paradis:

To adopt the proposed amendments to the Traffic Schedule regarding the regulation of parking times for a portion of Bartlett Street, as outlined on the attached vote sheet:

Section 21 - Parking Time Regulated - 15 Minutes - 8:00am - 6:00pm

BARTLETT STREET                      Even numbered side, east side, beginning at a point 47' south of the southeasterly corner of Bartlett Street and Pine Street, and extending southerly on Bartlett Street a distance of 22'.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORFEITURE FUNDS**

**VOTE (105-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Paradis:

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 \$2,230.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Christopher LeCompte, CR-06-254 Court Records and the transfer of \$870.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Donald L. Bell, CR-04-2014 Court Records. 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', funds to be deposited in Account No. 590-3514050 at People's Heritage Bank.    Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE PERSONNEL CODE REGARDING CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS**

Mayor Guay opened the public hearing. No members of the public spoke for or against this item. Mayor Guay then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (106-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, second by Councilor O'Brien:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 "Personnel", Article II "Personnel System", Division 2 "Civil Service", Section 58-50 "Certified list of candidates" receive final passage by a roll call vote.    Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR THE LEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT IN KENNEDY PARK**

Mayor Guay opened the public hearing. No members of the public spoke for or against this item. Mayor Guay then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (107-2006)**

Motion by Councilor O'Brien, second by Councilor Samson:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Lewiston High School Band concert, 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 Lewiston High School band for an outdoor music concert to be held at Kennedy Park on May 17, 2006, 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 ON THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR (FY07) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM BUDGET**

Mayor Guay opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. Craig Saddlemire of 27 Spruce Street, representing the Visible Community group, addressed the Council and urged the need for the development of affordable housing while the City is working to remove the "blight" in the downtown neighborhood area. He presented four specific requests from the Visible Community: 1) For the City to spend \$80,000 - \$100,000 for development of the Androscoggin Mill Block for residential, small business or a resource center for homeless persons. 2) For the City to spend \$60,000 on the facade of the Androscoggin Mill Block and \$60,000 to \$100,000 on an elevator for the building. 3) To establish broadband wireless connections for the downtown residents and 4) That CDBG funds be invested in programs for job training and education for downtown residents. No other members of the public spoke at this time and Mayor Guay closed the hearing.

**VOTE (108-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor Paradis:

To conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed CDBG FY2007 program budget. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (109-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor Paradis:

To adopt the schedule of funds for the FY2007 CDBG budget as recommended by the Community Development Block Grant Review Committee:

**PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

A.W.A.P.	\$3,000
Advocates for Children/Healthy Families	\$2,200
American Red Cross/ Disaster Services	\$2,000
Androscoggin Head Start/Childhood Enrichment	\$30,000
Androscoggin Home Health/Lewiston Home Care	\$5,500
Catholic Charities of Maine/Fellowship House	\$1,500
Catholic Charities of Maine/S.E.A.R.C.H.	\$2,000
Child Health Center/Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$500
Child Health Center/Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Program	\$500
Child Health Center/Kid's Korner	\$1,000
Hope Haven Emergency Shelter	\$1,500
LPD-Enhanced Neighborhood Policing	\$3,000
LA Arts	\$3,500
Literacy Volunteers	\$500
Multi-Purpose Center - After School Program	\$5,000
Pathways Day Care	\$5,500
Pathways Workplace Program	\$4,500
Pathways Extended Employment	\$2,000
St. Martin de Porres Residence	\$3,000
Sexual Assault Crisis Center	\$750
Trinity Jubilee Center	\$3,500
Y.W.C.A. Intervention	\$1,700
Contingency Fund	\$2,500
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,150</b>

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Downtown Improvement Program	\$400,000
Bates Mill Redevelopment	\$0

**SUBTOTAL \$400,000**

**HOUSING REHAB**

Rehab Office Administration \$56,798

**SUBTOTAL \$56,798**

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS**

Heritage Initiative - Other Housing \$280,000

Downtown Beautification Project \$5,000

Downtown Infrastructure Improvements \$29,900

**SUBTOTAL \$314,900**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

\$0

**SUBTOTAL \$0**

**ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING**

C.D. Administration \$204,113

**SUBTOTAL \$204,113**

**TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMS \$1,060,961**

Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (110-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor O'Brien:

To authorize the submission of the Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Passed - Vote 7-0

**RELOCATION OF A PARCEL WITHIN THE LEWISTON PINE TREE DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND APPROVAL OF ELMET TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE PINE TREE DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

**VOTE (111-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, second by Councilor Mendros:

Be It Hereby Resolved by the City Council, that the City of Lewiston agrees to remove thirty-seven (37) total acres (twenty-eight (28) development acres) from the Lewiston Pine Tree Development Zone from the Gendron and South Park lots, and to add thirty-seven (37)

acres (twenty-eight (28) development acres) into the Lewiston Pine Tree Development Zone for Elmet Technologies; to approve the request from Elmet Technologies to be included in the Lewiston Pine Tree Development Zone, and that the City Administrator be and is hereby authorized to make, execute and deliver related documents as he, in his discretion, may deem necessary or convenient to the accomplishment of such transaction. Passed - Vote 7-0

**EXTENSION OF THE ROAD STRIPING ON LISBON STREET**

Councilor Bernier stated that she has not heard one negative comment about the restriping and lane changes there were done a few months ago. She noted that the people she has heard from are pleased with the changes and feel it was about time to make those changes.

**VOTE (112-2006)**

Motion by Councilor Jean, second by Councilor Mendros:

To approve the lane changes and re-striping on Lisbon Street to extend the two lanes, with a designated center turning lane, further down Lisbon Street for a distance of approximately seven-tenths of a mile. Passed - Vote 7-0

**UPDATE REGARDING THE CITYWIDE PROPERTY REVALUATION**

The City Administrator provided the Council with an update on the status of the revaluation project. He noted that work is still being done by the Assessing office and Cole Layer Tremble, the company hired to conduct the reevaluation. He noted they are reviewing and double checking all of the data and that final numbers are not available at this time. The target date to mail out notices with the new valuation is Friday, May 12. He said the notices will not have a breakdown of value of buildings and land, but will have one total valuation. Citizens interested in having a hearing to discuss their valuations can set up appointments which will begin May 17.

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Councilor O'Brien presented a letter she received from Oak Park residents asking for the City's assistance regarding noise problems with the Blue Elephant, a club next door to their apartment units.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Charles Soule, 170 Bartlett Street, asked what date the budget public hearing will be held and when the mil rate will be set. The City Administrator stated the budget public hearing will be May 23 and the mil rate will be set in July. Michael Dixon of Community Clean up and Celebration spoke and invited everyone to participate on Saturday, May 13 at 9:30am in Kennedy Park. Volunteers will be picking up trash in parks and public green spaces on this day, their fourth annual event. Estelle Rubenstein of Androscoggin Head Start thanked the

Council for their support of the program via the CDBG budget allotment. Jim Alberti, director of the Lewiston High School band, thanked the Council for their approval of the outdoor concert and invited everyone to attend on May 17 in Kennedy Park.

**VOTE (113-2006)**

Motion by Councilor O'Brien, second by Councilor Paradis:

To adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine