

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 3, 1998

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

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Presentation of Recognition to former City Clerk Gerald P. Berube by Mayor Kaileigh Tara, Council President Frank Kelly and City Administrator Robert Mulready.

Presented to Gerald P. Berube, CMC, In Appreciation For Your Outstanding Leadership, Devotion to Duty, and Exemplary Public Service. Lewiston City Clerk 1968 - 1998

Mr. Berube thanked the City for his award and complimented the City for its support of him over the years.

Mayor Tara also read a letter from Jim Handy, Vice-Chairman of the Androscoggin Democratic Committee.

Council President Frank Kelly remarked that he would miss Gerry Berube very much. City Administrator Robert Mulready offered his appreciation for all the years of work Mr. Berube has provided to the City and ranks him among the most competent public servants he has ever had the pleasure of serving with.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 1998, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
CONDITIONALLY REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT**

109 CAMPUS AVENUE AND 53 SYLVAN AVENUE

The ordinance pertaining to conditionally rezoning the property located at 109 Campus Avenue and 53 Sylvan Avenue received its first reading at this time.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the ordinance pertaining to conditional zoning, rezoning the properties located at 109 Campus Avenue and 53 Sylvan Avenue from Office Residential (OR) and Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) Districts respectively to Highway Business (HB) District, has passage on first reading by a ye and nay vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of March 17th for final passage.
Passed - Vote 7-0

Councilor Lynch motioned that agenda item #6 be taken out of order due to the number of people present with an interest in the Lincoln Street parking lot development.

Council Kelly motioned and Councilor Samson seconded that the Council waive its normal parliamentary procedures and allow additional comments from the public.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To remove from the table, authorization to proceed with the development of the Lincoln Street Parking Area #1.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Gray:

Order, That upon recommendation of the City Administrator and Finance this City Council authorizes the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation to proceed with the acquisition, demolition and development of Lincoln Street Parking Area #1 at a cost not to exceed \$437,500.00, to be financed through a future Bond Issue. Passed - Vote 7-0

A presentation was made by former City Clerk Gerry Berube on the proposed taxi cab rate increase.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lewiston, this City Council hereby approves an amendment to the Policy Manuel on the Operation of Taxicabs to allow an increase of twenty five cents in the taxi cab rates for all zones.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

ZONE ONE: One Stop: ~~\$2.25~~ \$2.50 for 1 passenger;
\$.50 each additional passenger.
Additional stops on same basis.

ZONE TWO: One Stop: ~~\$2.75~~ \$3.00 for 1 passenger;
\$.50 each additional passenger.
Additional stops on same basis.

ZONE THREE: One Stop: ~~\$3.50~~ \$3.75 for 1 passenger;
\$.50 each additional passenger.
Additional stops on same basis.

ZONE FOUR: One Stop: ~~\$4.00~~ \$4.25 for 1 passenger;
\$.50 each additional passenger.
Additional stops on same basis.

ZONE FIVE: One Stop: ~~\$4.75~~ \$5.00 for 1 passenger;
\$.50 each additional passenger.
Additional stops on same basis.

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).
Passed - Vote 7-0

A presentation was made by Charlene Belanger of WCSH-TV on the upcoming Maine State Parade.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Chief, and to prohibit parking on the following streets, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 1998, and 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 1998, and to authorize the Police Department to have violators towed from the area if necessary.

- Main St.: Lisbon St. to Frye St., both sides
- Frye St.: Main St. to College St., both sides
- College St.: Union St. to Mountain Ave., east side
- Campus Ave.: College St. to Central Ave., both sides

Vale St.: College St. to Central Ave., both sides
Wood St.: Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Nichols St.: Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Bardwell St.: Nichols St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Franklin St.: Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Riverside St.: Entire length, both sides
Central Ave.: Campus Ave. to Russell St., west side
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

That peddlers and/or vendors be prohibited from the area in front of the spectators along the parade route, immediately prior to and during the Maine State Parade on Saturday, May 2, 1998. Passed - Vote 7-0

Great Falls Shoot-Out Planning Committee Member Ms. Townsend briefed the Mayor and Council on the upcoming event.

Council President Frank Kelly updated the Mayor and Council on the Homestead Exemption legislation as well the recommendation from the Second Downtown Revitalization forum to establish a Lewiston Legislative Action Committee.

Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton will be working with the Downtown Development Management Corporation, the Chamber, the Growth Council, and other citizens and groups to form this committee and report back to the elected officials.

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Dancing and Entertainment to B.O.P.E. Elks Lewiston Lodge #371.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the Traffic Schedule be amended as follows:

SECTION 4 - ONE-WAY STREETS

HINES ALLEY

~~Travel only in a southerly direction.~~
Beginning at Chestnut and heading in a northerly direction a distance of 400 feet traveling in a northerly direction only.

Beginning on Lincoln Street at Cross Canal #1 and heading in an easterly and southerly direction a distance of 450 feet traveling in a southerly direction only.

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).
Passed - Vote 7-0

Public Works Director Chris Branch gave an update on the traffic control signals on Sabattus Street at Farwell Street.

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine