

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 16, 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.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the City Council hereby adopt the following resolution:

Downtown Revitalization Resolution

WHEREAS: Downtown Lewiston is a vital part of our community, with a notable history and many possibilities for the future; and

WHEREAS: A "*Downtown Renaissance Task Force*" has been established to focus on the vision of a revitalized downtown; and

WHEREAS: The task force is composed of "*enthusiastic movers and shakers*" within the community: Councilor Joyce Bilodeau (co-chair); Councilor Paul Samson; Norm Rousseau; Claudette Caron; Leighton Cooney; Jim Carignan; Rita Dube; Susan Mulready; Ray Lagueux; Lydia Howes; Paul Bonneau; and

WHEREAS: Meeting from June through the end of October, the task force will develop a mission statement with **ACTION STEPS** that can be addressed both in the short and long run; and

WHEREAS: The revitalization of the downtown will indeed be a City priority within the next six months with the task force keeping the community and City Council well informed, providing a final report to the Council in November; and

WHEREAS: To keep the downtown revitalization efforts moving forward, a consultant will be hired who will bring additional expertise to this project; and

WHEREAS: The City's current efforts to secure an Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Grant go hand in hand with the downtown efforts, as receiving the grant could mean funding of up to \$4 million per year for 10 years.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lewiston wholeheartedly endorse the establishment of the "**Downtown Renaissance Task Force**" and look forward to the achievement of a revitalized downtown.

Passed 7-0

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the minutes for the meetings of May 4th be adopted as presented, with the minutes for the June 2nd meeting be adopted as amended and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the Tax Resolve instructing the Chief Assessor to raise \$34,488,311.00 to finance the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget, has final passage by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**RESOLVE INSTRUCTING THE CHIEF ASSESSOR
TO RAISE A STATED AMOUNT BY TAXATION**

RESOLVED, That the Chief Assessor of the City of Lewiston, Maine be ordered to raise by assessment upon estates of residents of the City of Lewiston, and upon estates of non-resident proprietors in said City of Lewiston for the current fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998, the sum of Thirty-Four Million Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Dollars for the payment of the county tax, for ordinary indebtedness and expenses, for interest on the debt of the City of Lewiston, and for the payment of lawful debts and dues of the City of Lewiston.

A summary of the \$59,062,844.00 Appropriation Resolve, passed by the City Council on May 12, 1998, is on file in the City

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Clerk's Office.

Appropriation Resolve		\$59,062,844.00
LESS:		
Estimated Revenues	\$24,948,949.00	
Prior Years' Surplus	1,350,000.00	
Total Adjustments		\$26,298,949.00
Net Appropriation		\$32,763,895.00
PLUS:		
Allowance for Unpaid Taxes		\$1,724,416.00
TAX LEVY:		\$34,488,311.00

Interest on Real and Personal Taxes will be charged on all taxes which shall remain unpaid after the respective due dates of September 15, 1998 and March 15, 1999, at the rate of 10.75%.

Any taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at the rate of 8%.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To accept the recommendation of the Finance Director and to establish the following policy on aid to private and parochial schools for textbooks and testing services for Fiscal Year 1999; \$21.92 per student in the elementary level and \$15.17 per student at the secondary level for textbooks; and \$2.35 per student in the elementary and \$.46 per student at the secondary level for testing services.

Passed - Vote 7-0

Eloise O'Neil, Western Area Agency on Aging Executive Director, made a presentation to the Mayor and City Council on the proposal of the option to purchase Frye School.

A motion was made by Councilor Kelly and seconded by Councilor Samson to grant a 180 day option, with provisions for an extension, on the Frye School Property to Western Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of creating 27 units of supported, low cost senior housing with on-site services.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To amend the motion by adding "If the application is rejected the Western Area Agency on Aging will withdraw their option

or if the application is accepted the option will be extended for a year. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To grant a 180 day option on the Frye School Property to Western Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of creating 27 units of supported, low cost senior housing with on-site services. If the application is rejected the Western Area Agency on Aging will withdraw their option or if the application is accepted the option will be extended for a year. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To table, to the meeting of July 14, 1998, the proposed amendments to the Traffic Schedule to limit parking on a section of Canal Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To grant Special Amusement Permits for Dancing and Entertainment to The Cage, 97 Ash St., Jim's Jungle, 729 Main St., and Chances Pub, 675 Main St. Passed - Vote 7-0

Councilor Samson advised the Council that he has received several calls regarding the Cage.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

In accordance with the Lewiston City Charter, Chapter 3, Section 3.03, the City Council hereby appoints Richard T. Metivier, Finance Director, as Acting City Administrator in the absence of the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator on July 7th and July 8, 1998.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

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A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine