

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 18, 2011

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00PM

THE HONORABLE LAURENT F. GILBERT, SR., MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Butler, Bernier, Jean, O'Connell, Cayer, Morgan, City Administrator Ed Barrett, and Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mercier. Absent/Excused: Councilor Poulin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Moment of Silence.

The Council workshop regarding downtown residential issues began at 6:05pm and ended at 7:10pm. At this point, the Council took a brief recess. The regular meeting started at 7:21pm.

REPORT FROM THE LEWISTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Councilor Butler provided the update in the absence of the student representative due to the stormy weather. He mentioned that the LYAC has entitled their newest goal of "encouraging better attitudes about school & raising aspirations" *Motivate Me*. As part of the initiative the LYAC hopes to have an essay contest, visits classrooms and have giveaways of donated Maine college sweatshirts.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was offered at this time.

VOTE (14-2011)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 4, 2011, meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

APPOINTMENT TO THE 911 COMMITTEE

VOTE (15-2011)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To confirm the Mayor's nomination of Finance Director Heather Hunter and to appoint Ms. Hunter as a member of the 911 Committee for a two year term, said term to expire January 2013. Passed - Vote 6-0

BIENNIAL APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

VOTE (16-2011)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To appoint City Clerk Kathleen M. Montejo as the Registrar of Voters for a two-year term of office from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. Passed - Vote 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR RE-ZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 21 ATWOOD STREET AND THE REAR PORTION OF 906 SABATTUS STREET

Mayor Gilbert opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. Councilor Morgan recused himself at this point citing a possible conflict of interest.

Councilor Jean pointed out that at the Planning Board meeting of January 10, 2011, the board voted unanimously not to approve the proposal to rezone the properties, that back in April 2008 a similar request for a conditional rezoning request failed to get approval from the City Council and that Planning and Code Enforcement staff recommended the City Council not approve the proposal to rezone said properties.

After a lengthy discussion and several comments from citizens from the Atwood Street area it was suggested that staff take a look at the area for the possibility of rezoning a larger area instead of a specific address. Mayor Gilbert then closed the hearing.

VOTE (17-2011)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor Bernier:

That the proposed amendment to re-zone the property at 21 Atwood Street and the rear portion of 906 Sabattus Street from the Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) District to the Highway Business (HB) District, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the next regular City Council meeting. Failed - Vote 3-2 (Councilors Jean and Cayer opposed.)

VOTE (18-2011)

Motion by Councilor Bernier, seconded by Councilor Butler:

To direct staff to work with the residents and owners to develop a proposal to rezone the area bounded by Sabattus Street, Old Greene Road, Atwood Street, and Garcelon Street and to present this proposal to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation to the City Council. Passed - Vote 4-1 (Councilor Jean opposed)

RESOLVE - AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE FOR SPACE IN LEWISTON CITY HALL

VOTE (19-2011)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To approve the Resolve authorizing a lease agreement with Catholic Charities Maine for space in Lewiston City Hall. Passed - Vote 5-1 (Councilor Jean opposed)

ORDER - AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GREAT FALLS PROPERTY, LLC FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND POINT AREA

VOTE (20-2011)

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Butler:

To approve the Order authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Joint Development Agreement with Great Falls Property, LLC for Redevelopment of the Island Point Area. Passed - Vote 6-0

RESOLVE - MAINTAINING THE CURRENT MANUAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENTING SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

VOTE (21-2011)

Motion by Councilor Butler, seconded by Councilor Cayer:

To approve the Resolve maintaining the Current Manual Solid Waste Collection System and Implementing Single-Stream Recycling. Passed - Vote 6-0

REPORTS AND UPDATES

No reports or updates were presented at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

VOTE (22-2011)

Motion by Councilor Jean, seconded by Councilor O'Connell:

To adjourn at 8:42 PM. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier, CMC
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine