

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 1, 1997

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

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

ABSENT: Councilor Albert.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 4-0
Councilors Kelly and Bilodeau abstained.

CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A lengthy discussion on proposed amendments to the plan was held. James Lysen, Planning Director, reviewed the many changes being proposed with the City Council. A number of changes were made on the implementation of the downtown planning components to provide for more firm dates for implementation.

Changes were also made in reference to properties which have rail siding. Marcel Morin, a local Realtor, advised the Council that he has attempted to sell a piece of residentially zoned property located along Stetson Road since 1978. He advised the Council that the lot has one thousand feet along Stetson Road and two thousand feet along the railroad tracks. He requested that the property be zoned for rail use.

April Clark, a resident of the Stetson Road requested that the Council consider protection of the residential area as part of any rezoning consideration.

After a very lengthy discussion the following action was taken.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the Comprehensive Plan, as prepared and recommended by the Planning Board, be amended as follows:

POLICY 1 (DOWNTOWN)

- C. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997
- D. Date changed from ongoing to 1998-1999
- H. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997

POLICY 3 (DOWNTOWN)

- A. Date changed from ongoing to Spring 1998 (Study)
Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1998
(Implementation)
- B. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997
- C. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1998
- D. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997
- E. Date changed from Spring 1997 to Fall 1997
- F. Date changed from Spring 1997 to Begin Fall 1997;
ongoing
- H. Date changed from ongoing to Phase 1, Summer 1997
other phases ongoing

POLICY 4 (DOWNTOWN)

- B. Delete "A-Frame" and insert in place thereof "day signs" after downtown add "and other areas of the city."
- H. Date changed from ongoing to Summer 1997

POLICY 5 (DOWNTOWN)

- A. Date changed from ongoing to Spring 1998

POLICY 6 (DOWNTOWN)

- A. Date changed from ongoing to Spring 1998
- B. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1998
- C. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1998

POLICY 7 (DOWNTOWN)

- A. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997
- C. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997

POLICY 8 (DOWNTOWN)

- A. Date changed from ongoing to Fall 1997
- B. Date changed from ongoing to Spring 1998
- C. Date changed from ongoing to Spring 1998

POLICY 10 (ECONOMY)

After "Rail Service" add "In land areas compatible with such a use."

POLICY 12 (PUBLIC FACILITIES)

Change #B to read as follows:

- B. Investigate the possibility of creating a public review process for the planning, design, and construction of municipal buildings and facilities in order to provide the opportunity for public input into the decision-making process.

TRANSPORTATION - RAIL SERVICE

Delete all language in parenthesis

POLICY 4 (TRANSPORTATION)

ADD;

STRATEGIES:

- A. Appropriate the funds as indicated in the FY98 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program to undertake the required environment assessment for the access road from Webster to Farwell.
- B. If the project is deemed to be feasible, actively pursue the necessary state and federal permits required and develop a process for adequate public input for the design and construction.
- C. Commence construction of the project based on the availability of funds.
- D. Reservations must be made to restrict the issuance of residential building permits in the area which will accommodate the connector between Farwell Street to Webster Street at Mitchell Street.

Change Implementation Date

FROM: Fall 1997 (Study) 1999-2000 (Construction)
TO: 1997-1998 (Study-Public Input-Permitting)
2000-2001 (Construction)

LAND USE ISSUES

Add the following sentence to prefatory paragraph:

"Identification of these land use issues does not mean that there is necessarily a need or predisposition to charge the status quo."

Change #5 to read as follows:

- 5. Explore the feasibility of rezoning areas along the Maine Central Railroad between Stetson Road and Merrill Road, that will allow for rail dependent uses provided neighborhood and environment impacts are minimized.

Change # 8 as follows:

Delete "allow" and insert in place thereof "explore the feasibility"

Change #14 to read as follows:

14. Examine appropriateness and preserve if appropriate the Medium Density Residential (MDR) District in Merrill Road area.

Create Transportation Map showing status of railroad lines, arterial roads and L.A.T.S. fixed routes, said Map to become Appendix G.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Comprehensive Plan as prepared and recommended by the Planning Board, and amended. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the amendment to the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Lewiston Housing Authority which provides for payments in lieu of taxes, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To authorize William Welch, Deputy Police Chief, to attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia from April 6, 1997 to June 20, 1997, expenses estimated at \$1375.00 to be paid from the Police Department Training Account. Passed Vote 6-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To authorize Jerry DeWitt, Lead Coordinator, to attend the National Lead Safe Housing Conference in Washington, D.C. from April 27, to April 30, 1997, expenses estimated at \$1000.00 to be paid from the State Lead Base Paint Grant. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the traffic schedule be amended as follows:

Section 6-A - PARKING METERS - TIME REGULATED - 30 MINUTES -
09:00 A.M. TO 06:00 P.M.

~~PINE STREET 2 parking spaces northerly side between
Lisbon St & Park St Alley~~

~~3 parking spaces southerly side between
Lisbon St & Park St Alley~~

~~PINE STREET North side beginning at a point 50'
westerly of the northwesterly corner of
Pine St & Park St and extending westerly
on the northerly side of Pine St a
distance of 26' (2 spaces)~~

Section 7 - PARKING METERS - TIME LIMITATIONS - 1 HOUR

PINE STREET 2 parking spaces northerly side between
Lisbon St & Park St Alley

3 parking spaces southerly side between
Lisbon St & Park St Alley

North side beginning at a point 50'
westerly of the northwesterly corner
of Pine St & Park St and extending
westerly on the northerly side of
Pine St a distance of 26' (2 spaces)

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the applications for Special Amusement Permits
for dancing and Entertainment from B.P.O.E. Elks Lewiston
Lodge #371, 1765 Lisbon Street; Centreville Social Club,
Inc., 413 Lisbon Street; Club Cairo, 100 Lincoln Street;
O'Sheils Irish Pub, 37 Park Street. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To accept and sign the warrant for prosecuting of unlicensed dog owners/keepers, as required by Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 7, Section 3943. Passed - Vote 6-0

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Robert Mulready, City Administrator, presented the 1998 fiscal year budget. The budget as proposed has an increase of \$698,973.00 or 2.40% on the city side and an increase of \$830,240.00 or 3.02% in the education budget. The total budget has an increase of \$1,529,213 or 2.70%. The City budget has been reduced by \$886,912.00 by the City Administrator following submission by the Departments. The City Administrator advised the Council that during the past six years, 44 positions have been eliminate from the city budget.

Members of the public were advised that a public hearing will be held on the entire proposed budget at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday April 10th which will be followed by numerous work shops prior to a final public hearing and adoption of the budget resolve.

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 9:19 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine