

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 21, 2020

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

THE HONORABLE MARK A. CAYER, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Cayer, Councilors Khalid, Pettengill, Rea, Lajoie, Jensen, Clement and Gelinias, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (23-2020)

Motion by Councilor Khalid, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (E) to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:01 pm and ended at 6:28pm.

VOTE (24-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (E) to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:29pm and ended at 6:56pm.

The regular meeting began at 7:00pm.

THE HONORABLE MARK A. CAYER, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Cayer, Councilors Khalid, Pettengill, Rea, Lajoie, Jensen, Clement and Gelinias, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

UPDATE FROM THE LEWISTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Chair stated the group is continuing to work on bringing awareness to the places that Lewiston has to offer and are also taking a stand against bullying in the community. They will be hosting a forum on ways to prevent bullying in February. They are also planning to have a tour of the State House soon and meet with Senator Libby.

VOTE (25-2020)

Motion by Councilor Jensen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2020 and to accept and

place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public offered comment at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE FOR ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 18-96 (F) TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – REGISTRATION PROCESS REQUIREMENT FOR MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (26-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To conduct the public hearing and to approve final passage of an Ordinance, Amending Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-96 (f) to the Code of Ordinances – Registration Process Requirement for Multi-Family Buildings. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE FOR ORDINANCE, ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 71 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING ABOVE GROUND POWER, FIBER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING UTILITY POLES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (27-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve final passage of an Ordinance, Adopting a New Chapter 71 to the Code of Ordinances Regulating Above Ground Power, Fiber, and Telecommunications Installations, including utility poles in the public right of way, and repealing section 66-8 (b) of the Code dealing with placement of poles within the right of way. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE FOR ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING AND LAND USE CODE RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Mayor Cayer opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (28-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Jensen:

To approve final reading of an Ordinance, Amending Appendix A of the Zoning and Land Use

Code relating to Solar Energy Systems. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, AMENDING MASTER POLICY 81 – MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND PENALTIES – CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 71 – ABOVE GROUND POWER, FIBER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

VOTE (29-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To continue this matter to a future City Council meeting to allow additional time for staff to explore additional options regarding this topic. Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEWISTON AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MAINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (MDEA)

VOTE (30-2020)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the City Administrator to execute the lease between the City of Lewiston and Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA):

Whereas, MDEA seeks rental space to conduct drug enforcement operations in the City of Lewiston; and

Whereas, the property and building located at 85 Park Street was vacated by the State of Maine Violations Bureau in FY2019; and

Whereas, the City Council approved funding during the FY20 budget deliberations to renovate portions of 85 Park Street in order for the Police Department to relocate some department activities and task force to this property; and

Whereas, the leased space is for 1,715 square feet for a 5 year period with renewal options; and

Whereas, the City will receive \$15,000 annually in rental income;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that the City Administrator be authorized to finalize and execute the Lease Between the City of Lewiston and Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE REGARDING PARKING PROHIBITED ON A PORTION OF NEWMAN STREET

VOTE (31-2020)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To adopt the proposed amendments to the Traffic Schedule to prohibit parking on the odd-numbered side of the street for portions of Newman Street. Passed – Vote 7-0

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Rea reported the School Committee will be having an upcoming retreat to review their mission, vision and goals. They will also start to meet on Saturday a month. Dale Doughty updated the Council on the discussions with the Seniors Program and working to renew and understanding of the level of city staff support that is provided to their program. The plan is to reaffirm the partnership.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (32-2020)

Motion by Councilor Khalid, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (c) to discuss an Economic Development issue of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:32pm and ended at 8:12pm.

VOTE (33-2020)

Motion by Councilor Pettengill, seconded by Councilor Gelinas:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 8:12pm and ended at 8:48pm.

VOTE (34-2020)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To adjourn at 8:48P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine