

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 19, 2022

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

THE HONORABLE CARL L. SHELINE, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Sheline, Councilors Scott, McCarthy, Harriman, LaChapelle, Pease, Clement and Gelinis, City Administrator Heather Hunter and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Sheline presented this Proclamation to Public Works Director Mary Ann Brenchick and Recreation Director Nicole Welch.

RECOGNITION OF NEW EAGLE SCOUTS FROM BOY SCOUT TROUP #116

Mayor Sheline recognized four members of Troop 116 who recently earned their Eagle Scout designation.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING AND INCOMING LEWISTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor presented certificates of appointment to the following incoming LYAC members: Ava Golder, Asha Abdisamad, Samiira Noor, Kimberley McLaughlin, Kaydence Gibson, Corinne Rosario, Asli Osman, Destiney Graham, Sarah Mack, Zara Bimbi, Feysal Abdirahaman, Ahmed Hussein, Anny Zhao, Elissa Nadeau and Hannah Arsenault

VOTE (237-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2022 and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jason Lavoie, 242 Park Street, thanked the Shelter Committee for the workshop presentation on the homeless situation in the city. He shared the need for a 24 hour shelter, noting when he was homeless he needed to carry his medications with him during the day and they were stolen. He also noted July is Disability Pride Month.

Mayor Sheline announced that the property tax rate is \$28.50 and he thanked the Assessing Department for their work on the tax commitment and the Council on working hard during the budget preparation, noting the initial estimate in the proposed budget was \$32.35. It was noted the recent building investment in the city of the second year of the Clean Energy Corridor at \$31 million, Cancer Center at \$8.6 million, CMP expansion at \$5 million and residential construction at over \$5 million.

ORDER, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 222 RUSSELL STREET, 253 PINWOODS ROAD, 48 RACHEL BOULEVARD, 37 JEFFERSON STREET, AND 16 ANN STREET

VOTE (237-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To approve the Orders authorizing execution of municipal quitclaim deeds for real estate located at 222 Russell Street, 253 Pinwoods Road, 48 Rachel Boulevard, 37 Jefferson Street, and 16 Ann Street:

Order for 222 Russell Street:

Whereas, the former owner, Robert E Pomerleau Sr, failed to pay his bills on a timely basis for 222 Russell Street (Tax Map 146, Lot 075, Parcel 00-002037); and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 13, 2012 (Book 8418 Page 13) and matured on December 13, 2013 in the amount of \$207.30; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 19, 2013 (Book 8700 Page 85) and matured on December 19, 2014 in the amount of \$2,138.26; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 18, 2014 (Book 8934 Page 341) and matured on December 18, 2015 in the amount of \$1,954.00; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 23, 2015 (Book 9165 Page 133) and matured on December 23, 2016 in the amount of \$1,970.18; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 16, 2016 (Book 9387 Page 58) and matured on December 16, 2017 in the amount of \$2,019.99; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 14, 2017 (Book 9616 Page 143) and matured on December 14, 2018 in the amount of \$2,001.89; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 21, 2018 (Book 9865 Page 304) and matured on December 21, 2019 in the amount of \$1,915.19; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 19, 2019 (Book 10107 Page 77) and matured on December 19, 2020 in the amount of \$1,972.22; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 15, 2020 (Book 10393 Page 63) and matured on December 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,980.57; and

Whereas, payment of \$16,159.60 has been received;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 222 Russell Street to the owner.

Order for 253 Pinewoods Road:

Whereas, the former owner, Daniel T Cornell, failed to pay his bills on a timely basis for 253 Pinewoods Road (Tax Map 74, Lot 04, Parcel 00-010851); and

Whereas, a storm water lien was filed on August 30, 2018 (Book 9922 Page 039) and matured on February 29, 2020 in the amount of \$95.52; and

Whereas, a storm water lien was filed on August 22, 2019 (Book 10161 Page 277) and matured on February 22, 2021 in the amount of \$97.88; and

Whereas, payment has been received;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 253 Pinewoods Road to the owner.

Order for 48 Rachel Blvd:

Whereas, the former owner, Brian M Harvey, failed to pay his bills on a timely basis for 48 Rachel Boulevard (Tax Map 89, Lot 150, Parcel 00-001377); and

Whereas, a water lien was filed on March 15, 2017 (Book 9562 Page 049) and matured on September 15, 2018 in the amount of \$122.34; and

Whereas, payment has been received;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 48 Rachel Boulevard to the owner.

Order for 37 Jefferson Street:

Whereas, the former owner, Sultan Corporation, failed to pay their bills on a timely basis for 37 Jefferson Street (Tax Map 195, Lot 181, Parcel 00-005250); and

Whereas, a water lien was filed on March 22, 2019 (Book 10051 Page 19) and matured on September 22, 2020 in the amount of \$708.70; and

Whereas, payment has been received;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 37 Jefferson Street to the owner.

Order for 16 Ann Street:

Whereas, the former owners, Yvan J and Brenda A Gauvin, failed to pay their bills on a timely basis for 16 Ann Street (Tax Map 89, Lot 080, Parcel 00-010826); and

Whereas, a storm water lien was filed on December 6, 2013 (Book 8830 Page 154) and matured

on June 6, 2015 in the amount of \$104.27; and

Whereas, payment has been received;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, hat a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City’s interest in the property located at 16 Ann Street to the owner.

Passed - Vote 7-0

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

VOTE (238-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

That pursuant to Title 15, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 5824(3) and Section 5822(4)(A), the City Council hereby acknowledges and approves of the transfer of \$9,900.00 or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Courtney Brackett, CR-22-627 Court Records, being funds forfeited pursuant to the court process. It is further acknowledged that these funds shall be credited to the ‘City of Lewiston Drug Enforcement Program’ account.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENT TO THE LAKE AUBURN WATERSHED PROTECTION COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE (239-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To appoint Public Works Director, Mary Ann Brenchick to the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission Board of Directors for a three year term, retroactive to January 4, 2022 and said term to expire January 7, 2025. Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE REGARDING A CHANGE OF PARKING REGULATIONS FOR A PORTION OF BATES STREET

VOTE (240-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To adopt the proposed amendment to the Traffic Schedule regarding the creation of a two hour parking time regulation on Bates Street, the westerly side beginning at a point of 25 ft from the southwesterly corner of Bates Street and Pine Street and extending southerly on Bates Street a distance of approximately 650 feet. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LITTLE JOE’S BAR & GRILL, 740 SABATTUS STREET

Mayor Sheline 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 (241-2022)

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Live Entertainment to Little Joe’s Bar & Grill, 740 Sabattus Street. Passed – Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Mayor Sheline 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 (242-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Article VI, “Registration Requirement for Multi-Family Buildings”, Section 18-202 “Applicability, exceptions”, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE LEWISTON PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Mayor Sheline 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. The Council agreed to change the proposed language via a friendly amendment by removing the phrase “duly elected” out of concern this would prevent an appointed Councilor from serving on this committee in the future.

VOTE (243-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

That the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article IV “Boards, Commissions, Committees and Bureaus”, Division 4 “Lewiston Public Art Committee” receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A \$500,000 GRANT, AND TRANSFER OF \$1237,350 FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT AS PART OF THE 2022 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

Some Councilors expressed concerns with the location noting it may not be used as frequently in this spot and suggestion other locations such as Pettingill Park.

VOTE (244-2022)

Motion by Councilor McCarthy, seconded by Councilor Clement:

To approve the Resolve, Authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a \$50,000 grant and transfer \$137,350 for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2022 National Fitness Campaign:

Whereas, the City has submitted a grant application to National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2022 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts® in 200 cities and schools across the country, and;

Whereas, the City will accept a \$50,000 National Grant from our NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and provide a local match in the amount of \$137,350 to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court®, and;

Whereas, the City will secure supplemental funding as needed through a transfer of funds from account #7700-700714 and #7702-702711 which will be made available and committed to this program for the purchase of the outdoor Fitness Court®, and;

Whereas, the City will commit to construction and launch of the outdoor Fitness Court® by the end of the 2022 calendar year, and;

Whereas, the City Council believes the outdoor Fitness Court® is an important wellness ecosystem that supports healthier communities, commits to funding to participate in NFC’s 2022 Campaign, and will earn local and national recognition as a leader in providing affordable health and wellness;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston to authorize the acceptance of a \$50,000 grant and appropriate said funds, and transfer \$137,350 for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2022 National Fitness Campaign from the following accounts: 7700-700714 – Public Bathrooms \$105,628 and 7702-702711 – APP Recreation Conversion \$31,722.

Passed - Vote 5-2 (Councilors Scott and McCarthy opposed)

ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MATOBIAN AVE. PHASE 3 AS A PUBLIC STREET, PART OF THE L&L ESTATES SUBDIVISION

VOTE (245-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order authorizing the acceptance of Matobian Ave. Phase 3, as a public street, and direct the City Administrator to execute or accept any/all documents to complete the transfer of the property to the City:

Whereas, Matobian Ave. has been constructed by a private developer in accordance with an approved subdivision plan and the City’s ordinances applicable to public streets, as described in the attached legal description and sketch; and

Whereas, the developer has submitted a formal request for the City to accept Matobian Ave. as a City street and provided the documentation required in support of such an application; and

Whereas, the City Engineering Division has affirmed the street has been constructed to meet all requirements to allow street acceptance and recommends Matobian Ave. be accepted as a City street;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered By The City Council of The City of Lewiston, to accept Matobian Ave. Phase 3, as a public street, and direct the City Administrator to execute or accept any/all documents to complete the transfer of the property to the City.

Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor LaChapelle recused himself due to a conflict of interest)

ORDER, DIRECTING ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL FY23 COLA INCREASES FOR ACTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, FULLTIME NON-UNION PERSONNEL, AND ADJUST THE ENTRY LEVEL PAY STEPS OF THE POLICE PATROL WAGE SCALE

VOTE (246-2022)

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order, Directing Administration to negotiate additional FY23 COLA increases for active collective bargaining agreements, fulltime non-union personnel, and adjust the entry level pay steps of the police patrol wage scale:

Whereas, the City is experiencing difficulty in attracting new municipal employees due to the tight labor environment; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council wish to acknowledge the hard work current employees are doing, especially with capacity limitations left by current vacancies; and

Whereas, recent surveys note that area employers and other municipalities' FY23 COLAs surpasses the current amount negotiated; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council desire to pay competitive wages and proposed increases to the previously approved COLAs achieves that goal, and

Whereas, negotiated additional increases will be retroactive back to check date 7/6/22 to all active impacted employees and those that have retired since that date;

Now therefore be it ordered that the City Council of the City of Lewiston, directs Administration to negotiate additional FY23 COLA increases for active collective bargaining agreements, fulltime nonunion personnel, and adjust the entry level pay steps of the police patrol wage scale. The additional 7/1/22 COLA (check date 7/6/22) will be 1% and the additional 1/1/23 COLA will be .5%. The entry level step for a patrol officer will commence at \$25.00 with the next two steps adjusted by 1% or in a similar manner that achieves the same outcome.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF 34.68 ACRES, A PORTION OF 420 RIVER ROAD, TO THE LEWISTON AUBURN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (LAWPCA)

VOTE (247-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the disposition of 34.68 acres, a portion of 420 River Road, to the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA):

Whereas, the portion of the property known as the sludge landfill was used by LAWPCA for the disposal of sludge from 1974-1990; and

Whereas, LAWPCA has hired a surveyor to complete a boundary survey of the entire lot and develop legal descriptions for the split parcels; and

Whereas, LAWPCA is responsible for any past and future requirements on this parcel pertaining to Maine DEP permit; and

Whereas, this parcel has no development potential or other value to the City;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered By The City Council of The City of Lewiston to approve the disposition of 34.68 acres, a portion of 420 River Rd and direct the City Administrator to execute any/all documents to complete the transfer of the property to LAWPCA.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SELL THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 24 WALNUT STREET

VOTE (248-2022)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order, authorizing the City Administrator to take the necessary steps to sell the city owned property at 24 Walnut Street:

Whereas, the City acquired ownership of this property in May 2000 via a foreclosure; and

Whereas, a request for bids was issued for the sale of this property, which resulted in an offer to purchase; and

Whereas, the Planning Board and Finance Committee have reviewed this property and recommended the disposition of it;

Now, therefore, be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is authorized to sell the following City-owned property to the party for the amount shown below, plus closing costs, and execute the necessary paperwork:

Parcel	Bid	Bidder	Reuse
24 Walnut Street	\$7,000	26 Walnut Property LLC	surface parking

Amount received from this sale shall be credited to the General Fund toward taxes previously owed to the City.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, ESTABLISHING THE 2022 FESTIVAL ZONES FOR THE GREAT FALLS BALLOON FESTIVAL AND THE DEMPSEY CHALLENGE

VOTE (249-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To approve the Order, Establishing the 2022 Festival Zones for the Great Falls Balloon Festival and the Dempsey Challenge:

Whereas, the City of Lewiston is proud to host many large-scale community events such as the Great Falls Balloon Festival, the Dempsey Challenge and many others; and

Whereas, these events are coordinated by community members and numerous volunteers and serve as major fundraisers for these organizations; and

Whereas, the events draw many participants and spectators as well as, many vendors who wish to participate in the events for the sale of items; and

Whereas, the event organizers desire to control the area and perimeter of their event in order to regulate the vendors,

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council that the City hereby establishes the 2022 Festival Zones for the Great Falls Balloon Festival and the Dempsey Challenge and grants permission for the event organizers to control all food and product vendors, as well as other related activities occurring during the operation of their event, on city property along the following areas: on Main Street to Chestnut Street, on Chestnut Street from Canal Street to Oxford Street, and along Lisbon Street from Chestnut to Main Street, Lincoln Street from Main to Cedar Streets, Oxford Street from Cross Street to Cedar Street, North Street, Water Street, and the adjacent area between Cross Canal #1 and the Androscoggin River.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

VOTE (250-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the application and acceptance of funds from the U.S. Department of Justice - Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Whereas, the Lewiston and Auburn Police Departments are eligible to apply for a joint Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$57,212; and

Whereas, in order to apply for these funds, the City must accept the funds if they are awarded and provide opportunities for public feedback and the proposed uses of these funds; and

Whereas, the agencies involved will meet and discuss how to spend their portions of this grant as outlined in the attached material from the Chief of Police;

Now Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that staff is hereby authorized to apply for and accept funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program subsequent to the receipt, if any, seek public feedback on the proposed uses of these funds.

Passed - Vote 7-0

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF IN-KIND CITY SERVICES FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL COMMIT TO GET FIT CHALLENGE

VOTE (251-2022)

Motion by Councilor Gelinias, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To review the request submitted by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center for an in-kind donation of city services totaling \$1,694 and to approve the request as submitted. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, REQUESTING INCREASED STATE INVOLVEMENT FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THOSE UNHOUSED

VOTE (252-2022)

Motion by Councilor Gelinias, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To adopt the Resolve, Requesting Increased State Involvement for Better Outcomes for those Unhoused:

Whereas, the number of community members who are unhoused is continuing to increase rapidly; and

Whereas, the current increase in housing costs, especially rental costs are increasing at rates that are exceeding inflationary rates; and

Whereas, those housing cost increases are happening throughout the entire State of Maine; and

Whereas, individuals who are without housing are statistically going to be adversely impacted more by other contributing factors than the population as a whole; and

Whereas, these known contributing factors include domestic violence, behavior health, substance misuse, human trafficking, and others; and

Whereas, the State of Maine, with federal COVID funds during the pandemic, provided temporary relief by utilizing hotels as a short term solution; and

Whereas, those hotels are no longer available, leaving those in need without other viable alternatives; and

Whereas, municipalities are required by Maine Law to provide housing assistance through the General Assistance Program; and

Whereas, municipalities, including the City of Lewiston, do not have the expertise or the resources to provide the additional services which would be beneficial to many of the community members who are unhoused; and

Whereas, the housing crisis cannot be solved without uniform policies, State coordination, and cooperation between municipalities; and

Whereas, finding viable long term solutions for the growing number of folks without housing will require participation and resources from outside of the municipality; and

Whereas, the federal government, through various policies, including but not limited to those that impact Asylum Seekers, are contributing to the challenges of serving the needs of the unhoused;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that we join other municipal leaders in Maine to request that the Governor of the State of Maine, supported by Legislative Leadership, create a formal Working Group of both elected and professional staff to make improvements to the state and local responses for those who are unhoused.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

VOTE (253-2022)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Gelinias:

To cast the vote for Laurier Pease for the Council position and Alicia Rea for the citizen.
Did Not Pass - Vote 3-4 (Councilors Gelinias, Scott and Harriman in favor)

VOTE (254-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To cast the vote for Laurier Pease for the Council position and Robert Reed for the citizen
Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors McCarthy, LaChapelle, Pease and Clement in favor)

VOTE (255-2022)

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To cast the vote for Linda Scott for the Council position and Brid S for the citizen position.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (256-2022)

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

To cast the vote for K. Lee Clement for the Council position.

Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor Clement abstained)

APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RIVERFRONT ISLAND MASTER PLAN (RIMP) STAKEHOLDER GROUP

VOTE (257-2022)

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Clement:

To appoint Mayor Sheline as the City Council representative to the Riverfront Island Master Plan stakeholder group. Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEWISTON SENIORS ADVISORY COUNCIL

VOTE (258-2022)

Motion by Councilor McCarthy, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To appoint Councilor Scott as the City Council’s representative to the Lewiston Seniors Advisory Council, said term to expire January 2, 2024. Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor Scott abstained)

Per the requirement of the City Policy governing the Lewiston Seniors Advisory Council, the names of the appointments shall be read into the record: At Large seats: Julia Colangelo and Marcia Baxter; Ward 1: Roger Fuller; Ward 2: Linda Copas; Ward 3: Susan Charle; Ward 4: Mike Lajoie; Ward 5: Mike Martel; Ward 6: Ed Barrett and Ward 7: Donna Gallant

APPOINTMENT OF A CITIZEN MEMBER TO THE LEWISTON AUBURN TRANSIT COMMITTEE

VOTE (259-2022)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Scott:

To appoint Jason Lavoie to serve as the Lewiston citizen representative on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee for a three-year term, said term to expire January 7, 2025.

Did Not Pass - Vote 2-5 (Councilors Harriman and LaChapelle in favor)

VOTE (260-2022)

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Gelinias:

To appoint Paul Robinson to serve as the Lewiston citizen representative on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee for a three-year term, said term to expire January 7, 2025.

Passed - Vote 5-2 (Councilors Harriman and LaChapelle opposed)

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Scott reported the School Board met on June 27 and July 11 and their meetings consisted of appointing new personnel at many of the schools. She noted that a lot of work was done at Longley School to fix the recent vandalism. Councilor Gelinas noted the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee is holding their Rally for Recovery in Kennedy Park on September 17.

OTHER BUSINESS

The City Clerk noted the city is working this summer to review the ward lines based upon any population shifts as a result of the 2020 federal census.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (261-2022)

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Clement

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

Executive Session started at 9:35pm and ended at 10:05pm.

VOTE (262-2022)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Scott:

To adjourn at 10:06 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine