

# CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 18, 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 Gelinias, City Administrator Heather Hunter and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **VOTE (354-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

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 began at 6:23pm and ended at 6:39pm.

#### **VOTE (355-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Scott:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405(6) (c) to discuss Contract Negotiations regarding an Economic Development issue. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:39pm and ended at 7:00pm.

Regular Meeting began at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor announced his new initiative of the Lewiston Votes flyers he will be distributing to businesses in town asking them to please display in their storefronts and lobbies to encourage residents to vote in the upcoming election.

### LEWISTON LEADS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sheline selected Dave Gervais, known as Dollar Dave, for his choice as a Lewiston Leads recipient this meeting. Mr. Gervais is the annual top fundraiser for The Dempsey Challenge, having raised \$200,000 overall and \$22,000 this year. Most donations that he received are under \$20. Councilor LaChapelle recognized Dr. Chandra Sasserville for all of her work within the community such as hosting Kid's Day, a free day of health and wellness for children as well as serving on the medical committee for many community events. Councilor Pease honored Jim Grimm, who has generations of family history in the business and city community. Mr. Grimm started the local Fly Football program, was a coach for over 25 years, and hosted

banquets and provided trophies free of charge for all players and their families. Councilor Clement honored Bill Herd, owner of Chick-A-Dee restaurant, which has been a family owned business for years. He noted they adapted during pandemic to continue with their business, not lay off staff, and always provide great service. Mr. Herd was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict and his son was present to accept on his behalf.

**VOTE (356-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of September 6 and 20, 2022 and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor Gelinas recused, was not present at one meeting)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mark Lee, resident of Pond Road and co-chair of the Mayor’s Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development, provided an update on their work, noted the group is made up of local business leaders, reviewed the potential development opportunities they are exploring, emphasized the importance of brand identity, and said they are reviewing items such as workforce development, housing, arts and culture, education, recreation and tourism. They have developed many subcommittees on these topics and are preparing a final report to be used as a guidebook by city staff and city councilors in the years to come. They hope to complete it in next few months.

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 3 MALO STREET AND 25 WILSON STREET**

**VOTE (357-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Orders, Authorizing execution of municipal quitclaim deeds for real estate located at 3 Malo Street and 25 Wilson Street:

3 Malo Street Order:

Whereas, the former owner, Gerard M Dion, failed to pay his bills on a timely basis for 3 Malo Street (Tax Map 175, Lot 152, Parcel 00-008173); and

Whereas, a sewer lien was filed on August 29, 2013 (Book 8760 Page 245) and matured on February 28, 2015 in the amount of \$107.00; and

Whereas, a storm water lien was filed on August 22, 2019 (Book 10162 Page 068) 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 3 Malo Street to the owner.

25 Wilson Street Order:

Whereas, the former owners, Claire G. and Raymond P Cloutier, failed to pay their bills on a timely basis for 25 Wilson Street (Tax Map 173, Lot 067, Parcel 00-002198); and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 15, 2020 (Book 10392 Page 116) and matured on December 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,703.91; 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 25 Wilson Street to the owner.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ON  
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE STATE ELECTION, TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**VOTE (358-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Recommendations from the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters on actions necessary to conduct the State Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

A. That the hours for acceptance of registrations in person only, prior to the November 8th election, as required by MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, 6A(2), be set at 8:30am to 4:00pm, October 19 through November 7, 2022; and additional hours of 4:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022.

B. That the names of those persons who register during the closed session for registration shall be recorded in accordance with MRSA Title 21A, sec. 122, subsec. 7B.

C. Pursuant to Title 21A, sec 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the central polling place on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 9am and on election day at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and any and all remaining shall be processed at 8:00pm, if necessary.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT  
PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE AGORA GRAND EVENT  
CENTER, 220 BATES STREET**

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

**VOTE (359-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Live Entertainment to the Agora Grand Event Center, 220 Bates Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LBK EVENTS, 1 BATES STREET**

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

**VOTE (360-2022)**

Motion by Councilor McCarthy, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Live Entertainment to LBK Events, 1 Bates Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTIONS ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH JANUARY 1, 2023 AS THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CITY WARD BOUNDARY LINES**

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

**VOTE (361-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

That the proposed amendment to establish January 1, 2023 as the effective date of the Election Ordinance, regarding the city ward boundary lines, approved by the City Council during their September 6 and 20<sup>th</sup> meetings, receive final passage by a roll call vote. Passed – Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING AND LAND USE CODE, ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS**

Mayor Sheline opened the public hearing to receive public input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Councilor Scott expressed concerns that the proposed language could limit large murals and public art.

**VOTE (362-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Gelinas:

To add language that murals are exempt from the blank wall provisions. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (363-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use

Code, Article II, Definitions receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING AND LAND USE CODE,  
ARTICLE II, OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Sheline opened the public hearing to receive public input and comment. Michael Bell, 50 Charles Street, feels a commercial development on this parcel would significantly affect the property values of the neighborhood in a negative direction and lower the quality of life in this part of the city. He expressed concerns with increased travel and the students walking to Farwell School. He urged the Council to exclude this 10 acre parcel from the zoning changes. David Atwell, 54 Charles Street, said Farwell School has zero capacity to add more students and he is concerned if fifty single family homes are built on this parcel. He also expressed concerns about potential businesses such as a shopping center, restaurant or bar on this land and said it would devalue the quality of life and property values of the abutters. Emily Darby, 157 Farwell Street, thanked the Planning Board for listening to the neighbors and said that zoning is not planning. She reviewed the purposes for the NCA and CB zones. She said Farwell St is over trafficked already, it is a neighborhood street and not designed to handle commercial traffic. She noted any development should be consistent and conforming to the neighborhood, saying the neighbors are not opposed to development but are opposed to shopping malls. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

Councilor LaChapelle said he feels for the abutters and understands the need for development in the city. He offered some potential conditions for consideration such as a 20 feet setback from property lines and no egress from the ten acre parcel on to Charles Street. He mentioned that fifty single family homes or elderly housing could be located here. Councilor McCarthy reminded the Council of LD 2003 recently passed by the state legislature that pertains to land use.

**VOTE (364-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

That the proposed amendment to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article III, Official Map as shown on Proposed Zoning – Area A Map receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (365-2022)**

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

That the proposed amendment to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article III, Official Map as shown on Proposed Zoning – Area B, Option 2 Map receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.  
Did Not Pass - Vote 1-6 (Councilor Gelinas in favor)

**VOTE (366-2022)**

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Clement:

That the proposed amendment to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article III, Official Map as shown on Proposed Zoning – Area B, Option 1 Map with the conditions that there is a 20 foot buffer along the property line on Charles Street and there is no driveway or road access onto Charles Street, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Gelinis opposed)

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING AND LAND USE CODE, ARTICLE XI, DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

Mayor Sheline opened the public hearing to receive public input and comment. Emily Darby, 157 Farwell Street, stated the changes will give one parcel the highest density in the entire city. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (367-2022)**

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article XI, District Regulations receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING AND LAND USE CODE, ARTICLE XII, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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

**VOTE (368-2022)**

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article XII, Performance Standards receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN LEWISTON SITE PLAN REVIEW AND DESIGN GUIDELINES/STANDARDS**

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

**VOTE (369-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Gelinas, seconded by Councilor Pease:

That the proposed amendments to Design Lewiston Site Plan Review and Design Guidelines/Standards receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance amendments be continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 145 LISBON STREET TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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

**VOTE (370-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To hold a public hearing and approve the establishment of the 145 Lisbon Street TIF District and Development Program; and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of the City substantially in the form presented; and to have staff complete and submit the application to the Maine Department of Economic Development establishing the 145 Lisbon Street Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program.

Whereas, Jason Hutchins, Developer, and/or Assigns, has a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire 145 Lisbon Street for redevelopment of the building into market rate apartments on floors two through seven, with commercial tenants on the Lisbon Street and Ash Street level; and

Whereas, after conducting due diligence on the redevelopment costs of the project it has been determined that because of the structure's classification as a high-rise structure by the Maine State Fire Marshall's Office, the building will require an estimated \$550,000 to \$638,000 in unanticipated life safety redevelopment costs; and

Whereas, the Developer has requested that a Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program be created to return a portion of the new tax revenue generated by the redevelopment of the building to assist with paying those extraordinary building redevelopment costs; and

Whereas, in order to receive the required statutory approval and to give legislative force that request requires a public hearing must be held to solicit public comment regarding the establishment of the 145 TIF District and Development Program which citizens are given the opportunity to comment on whether the district and development program will contribute to the betterment of the city, expansion of its commercial offerings, or expansion of Lewiston's tax base; and to provide an opportunity for any claim by a party that the district or program will be detrimental to that party's property interests and for which substantial evidence of that detriment is produced. If such claim is made the City Council shall determine whether any claimed adverse impact is outweighed by the benefit of the redevelopment of the building, increased diversity of housing stock, expansion of the tax base or other benefits of the development program; and

Whereas, the required 10 day public notice for the October 18<sup>th</sup> City Council public hearing was published in the Sun Journal on October 8, 2022; and

Whereas, maps of the proposed district are attached and will be presented at the public meeting; and

Whereas, the TIF Program will return 55% of the new taxes generated within the district for a term of 20 years to the developer, with the other 45% of new taxes generated being paid into Lewiston’s General Fund. A proforma attached and presented estimate that at today’s mil rate and projected new Assessed Valuation, the developer will be reimbursed \$31,511 annually of new taxes paid on the building, totaling \$630,213; and City will receive \$25,871 annually, totaling \$515,629 over the TIF term from the Development Program to be deposited in the City’s General Fund; and

Whereas, creation of the 145 Lisbon Street TIF District and Program is estimated to result in the City receiving \$22,459 annually in Tax Sheltering benefits by reducing the amount of County taxes that the City would have paid, and preserving the level of State Aid for Education and Revenue Sharing the City would have lost if 145 Lisbon Street is redeveloped without an approved TIF District or Program in place; and

Whereas, as part of the 145 Lisbon Street’s *Agreement for Development Assistance and Tax Increment Financing*, the Developer has also requested \$35,000 in grant funding from municipal resources, independent of the TIF District and Program, to a help fund façade improvements expected to cost at least \$350,000; and

Whereas, attached are maps showing the location of the district, and a proforma illustrating the distribution of funds to the developer as well as, the Tax Sheltering benefits of the proposed TIF District and Program;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the 145 Lisbon Street Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program is hereby approved in a form substantially similar to the attached, City staff is directed to finish the application reflecting comments received at the public hearing, and the City Administrator is hereby authorized to submit the complete application and supporting documentation to the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CITY’S GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO FUND THE COST OF A SECURITY DETAIL IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGES**

**VOTE (371-2022)**

Motion by Councilor McCarthy, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order, Authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the City’s General Fund fund balance in the amount of \$60,000 to fund the cost of a security detail in the municipal parking garages.

Whereas, given security concerns expressed about the municipal parking garages and the City Council’s desire to address those concerns; and

Whereas, bids were received for contract security services, whereby patrols by marked vehicle and foot will be performed through the garages; and

Whereas, routine patron outreach and statistical information will be captured on the success of this initiative to determine future feasibility;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the Order authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the City’s General Fund fund balance in the amount of \$60,000 to fund the cost of a security detail in the municipal parking garages.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ORDER, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A PARK STREET PARCEL BY FRANKLIN PROPERTY TRUST LLC**

**VOTE (372-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To approve the Order, Accepting the donation of a Park St. parcel by Franklin Property Trust LLC., subject to Planning Board’s approval:

Whereas, for many years, there has been an issue of a violation regarding the Kennedy Park covenants by using the land abutting the park on Park Street for municipal employee parking, and

Whereas, Franklin Property Trust, LLC, is graciously donating this parcel to the City for this purpose, and

Whereas, in accordance with City policy, land donations must be approved by both the City Council and the Planning Board,

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Council hereby accepts the donation of the Park Street parcel by Franklin Property Trust, LLC, subject to the Planning Board’s approval.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ORDER, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE FY2022 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD OF \$135,429.24**

**VOTE (373-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor Gelinas:

To approve the Order, Accepting and Appropriating the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant

Award of \$135,429.24:

Whereas, annually the City, along with area agencies submits a Homeland Security Grant application to request funding for various qualified public safety initiatives and equipment; and

Whereas, requested projects in this grant year include: calibration of self-contained breathing apparatus for fire, COBRA Team equipment and training, surveillance network maintenance and upgrades, hazardous material training, thermal imaging cameras, and security assessment software; and

Whereas, utilizing federally funding for these various public safety needs reduces the impact on the municipal tax rates;

Now, therefore, be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that

The FY2022 Homeland Security Grant Award of \$135,429.24 is hereby accepted and appropriated.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #785**

**VOTE (374-2022)**

Motion by Councilor LaChapelle, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Firefighters Association Local #785:

Whereas, The City has been in recent discussion with the International Association of Firefighters, the bargaining agent for our Lewiston Firefighters; and

Whereas, all who participated in the development of the Local #785 Collective Bargaining Agreement believe that negotiations have produced a contract which is sensitive to the current economic climate and reflects the organizational goals and objectives of both the city and the Local #785; and

Whereas, as a result, the City's negotiators and union representatives have reached a tentative agreement on a three year contract covering the City's FY23 through FY26;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a three year collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters reflecting the attached terms and conditions.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**RESOLVE, SUPPORT OF LEWISTON’S DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND  
CONDEMNING WHITE SUPREMACY**

Luke Jensen, Sylvan Avenue, stated the original resolution did not go far enough and the School Superintendent had the perfect statement in response to the recent visit to the city by a neo-Nazi group. He expressed frustration that the revised version of the resolution was not provided to the public in advance. He suggested it be edited for historical accuracy. He said that a mayoral proclamation should have been issued immediately to address the visit. Melissa Dunne, 254 Blake St, said the resolution is dismissive. She said in 2020, she reported the police department regarding their limited recruitment efforts. She mentioned she applied for a permit to protest but was denied. Elizabeth Eames, 133 Lisbon Street, suggested the Council adopt the original resolution language which takes a stronger stance against white supremacy. She said added in references to all violence dilutes the focus of the resolution which should be to denounce white supremacy. Councilor LaChapelle spoke in support of the Lewiston Police Department and their work, noting they are one of the best departments in the state and are one of the few that are nationally accredited.

**VOTE (375-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Clement, seconded by Councilor LaChapelle:

To amend by substitution the entire language in the Resolve with the new Resolve entitled: “A Resolution in Support of Lewiston’s Diverse Community, Condemning White Supremacy, and All Forms of Hate, Division and Violence.” Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors Scott, Harriman and Gelinas opposed)

**VOTE (376-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Gelinas, seconded by Councilor Pease:

To approve the Resolve, Support of Lewiston’s Diverse Community, Condemning White Supremacy and All Forms of Hate, Division and Violence:

Whereas, the City of Lewiston is proud of its diversity and will not tolerate people or groups who seek to threaten our diverse community or any part or portion of said community; and

Whereas, the City of Lewiston is a city founded in part by many immigrants who have defined the greatness of our city for well over two hundred years; and

Whereas, the City of Lewiston's immigrant population continues to provide significant cultural and economic opportunities for our entire community; and

Whereas, the City of Lewiston, the second most diverse city in Maine, is strengthened by the cultural diversity of our residents; and

Whereas, the City Council rejects white supremacy, condemns white supremacist and Neo-Nazi groups, and all others who seek to spread hatred, dehumanize our residents, and intimidate and threaten our community; and

Whereas, threats, intimidation, and violence, no matter by whom committed, constitute illegal acts which should be viewed by all as not only illegal, but also as reprehensible and totally unacceptable in a civilized society.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, That we will always stand in solidarity with anyone targeted by any group or person's presence and reaffirm that our community is a place that welcomes all and is strengthened by diversity and respect for law and order. Furthermore, we stand resolutely against all, resident or non-resident, no matter what their background or affiliation might be, who threaten harm or propagate violence or disorder against any member of our community at large.

Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors Scott, Harriman, Gelinas opposed)

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Councilor Scott reported the School Committee recently approved some policies and added the student handbook to the policies. Field trips are resuming and the work of the ROTC students is extremely impressive. Councilor Harriman reminded everyone of the citywide litter clean up on Saturday. He also noted the Transit Committee recently decided to offer free rides to the polls on the city bus system. Mayor Sheline announced the December 3 city holiday celebration on Lisbon Street. Councilor McCarthy noted he is the new chair of the Airport Committee. The City Clerk provided an election update regarding the early voting polling place.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Scott suggested in the future to align the holiday celebration to match the Jewish holiday calendar. She also asked to have an update from the Ad Hoc Economic Development committee to a future agenda, noting their update in public comments tonight took time away from the public who may have wanted to speak on another matter and it prevented the Council from asking questions and having a dialog about the committee's work.

**VOTE (377-2022)**

Motion by Councilor Pease, seconded by Councilor McCarthy:

To adjourn at 10:15P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine