

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 6:00 PM

Councilors Present: Julie Ambrosino, Phyllis Bailey, Mary Ellen Bell, Roo Dunn (Remote), Jennifer DeChant, Susan Bauer, and Elizabeth Dingley

Councilors Absent: Terry Nordmann, and Miriam Johnson

City Staff Present: Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Emily Ruger, Director of Community and Development; Jennifer Curtis, Director of Planning; Rod Melanson, Director of Sustainability and Environment; Jonathan Carpenter, Director of Facilities; Lee Leiner, Director of Public Works; Pete Compagna, BCTV; and Michael Bethea, IT.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Chairperson Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Darci Wheeler, City Clerk, called the Roll.

Tsugaru Presentation by Julie Ambrosino

C. Public Hearing: 6:09pm

- 1) PUBLIC HEARING: LUC Amendment Article 9, Uses, Section 9.02, Land Use Table (*second passage*)

Jennifer Curtis, Director of Planning, gave background on amendment.

There was no council or public comment.

Councilor Ambrosino moved, Councilor Bailey seconded, to approve as presented. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Bailey, Dunn, DeChant, Bauer, and Dingley

NAYS: None

D. Resolutions, Orders, and Ordinances: 6:11pm

- 2) RESOLUTION: Naming of Bridge Park

Emily Ruger, Director of Community and Development, presented the Resolution and responded to questions/comments from Councilor Bailey.

Councilor Bailey moved, Councilor Bauer seconded, to approve as presented. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Dingley, Bauer, DeChant, Dunn, Bailey, and Ambrosino

NAYS: None

3) ORDER: Approving Demolition of the 1968 Wing of the Former Morse High School

Jonathan Carpenter, Director of Facilities, gave background on item and responded to questions and comments from Councilors Ambrosino, Bauer, and Dunn.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Ambrosino seconded, to approve as presented. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Bailey, Dunn, DeChant, Bauer, and Dingley

NAYS: None

4) ORDER: Approving the Small Harbor Improvement Program Grant

Emily Ruger, Director of Community and Development, presented the item and responded to questions/comments from Councilors Bauer, and Bailey.

Councilor Bailey moved, Councilor Bauer seconded, to approve as presented. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Dingley, Bauer, DeChant, Dunn, Bailey, and Ambrosino

NAYS: None

5) ORDER: Approving Voting Delegate Credentials for Maine Municipal Association Annual Meeting

Chairperson Bell introduced the Order and responded to questions and comments from Councilor Bauer.

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Bailey seconded, to approve. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Bailey, Dunn, DeChant, Bauer, and Dingley

NAYS: None

6) ORDINANCE: General Assistance Ordinance: Chapter 8A. With Maximums for October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024 (*first passage*)

Chair Bell presented the Ordinance and Darci Wheeler, City Clerk and responded to questions/comments from Councilor Ambrosino. Ms. Wheeler stated that she would come back to the next meeting with the answer.

Councilor Bailey moved, Councilor Bauer seconded, to approve as presented. Chairperson Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Dingley, Bauer, DeChant, Dunn, Bailey, and Ambrosino

NAYS: None

7) DISCUSSION: Supportive Housing

Jennifer Curtis, Director of Planning gave an update from Planning Board. Conversation continued among Councilors Bauer, Bailey, DeChant, Dunn, Ambrosino, and City Manager Meyers.

Chair Bell asked for a motion to adjourn to workshop with an executive session to follow. Councilor Bauer made the motion with a second by Councilor Ambrosino. All were in favor.

Adjourn To Workshop
Landfill Solar Conversion System

Executive Session:
Personnel Matters per 1 MRS §405(6)(A)
Union Negotiations per 1 MRS §405(6)(D)

Motioned by Councilor Bauer and seconded by Councilor Ambrosino to leave Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Motioned by Councilor Bailey and seconded by Councilor Bauer.

Attested:
Darci L. Wheeler, City Clerk

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