

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 PM

Councilors Present: Julie Ambrosino, Christopher Marks, Mary Ellen Bell, Terry Nordmann, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant, Caitlin McCorkle, Miriam Johnson, and Megan Mansfield-Pryor

Councilors Absent: None

City Staff Present: Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Julie Millett, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, Rod Melanson, Director of Sustainability and Environment; and Pete Compagna, BCTV

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Manager's Report: 6:03pm

**Storm Event with flooding during 2-3 hours of high tide
Affected Waterfront Park, Bridge Park and pumpstations
Faired well compared to neighboring peninsulas
Governor's Office has supplied information for help
Posted on City's website**

Public Hearings: 6:06pm

Citizen Petition regarding "Bath Golf Course"

Chair Bell opened the public hearing. The following people spoke.

Alicia Romac	370 Whiskeag Road	in favor
Trey Milan	124 Bedford Street	in favor
Sam Hamilton	20 Oak Grove Avenue	opposed
Maile Hoffmann	217 Ridge Road	in favor
Bill Turcotte	42 Kindy Way Woolwich	in favor
David Matero	20 Raymond Court	in favor
Will Bridgeo	616 High Street	in favor
Sean McCarthy	387 Whiskeag Road	opposed
Gina Ripley	155 Butler Head Road	in favor

The public hearing was then closed at 6:36.

Motioned by Councilor Dunn and seconded by Councilor Ambrosino to move into Executive Session. It was unanimously approved.

Executive Session: 6:37pm

Legal per 1 MRS §405(6)(E)

Motioned by Councilor Marks to leave Executive Session at 7:28pm. Seconded by Councilor Dunn.

Motioned by Councilor McCorkle to enter Regular Session at 7:32pm. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. All in favor.

Unfinished Business: 7:32pm

2024-12) Ordinance: Petitions regarding "Bath Golf Course"

Motion from Councilor Johnson to waive public comment due to public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. All in favor.

Marc Meyers, City Manager, provided background on the item explaining the process according to the City Charter. There was continuing conversation amongst Councilors Dunn, Johnson, Marks, Ambrosino, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor, DeChant and Chair Bell.

Motion from Councilor Ambrosino to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Marks. Chair Bell called for a roll call vote. The ordinance failed with zero (0) yeas and eight (8) nays.

YEAS: None

NAYS: Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Johnson, and Mansfield-Pryor

Marc Meyers, City Manager, asked for guidance on when the Council would like the item to go to the polls. Councilor Dunn made comment that the June election would be appropriate, Councilor Ambrosino agreed. Chair Bell asked for a vote. All were in favor of the vote happening at the June 2024 election.

New Business: 8:05pm

2024-13) Order: Approving agreement with Kim Lundgren Associates, Inc., for the Climate Action Plan

Rod Melanson, Director of Environment and Sustainability, provided background on the item. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors DeChant, Ambrosino, McCorkle, and Dunn. Marc Meyers, City Manager added comment with further comment from Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, and Chair Bell. No Public comment. Councilors Mansfield-Pryor made final comments regarding item.

Motion from Councilor Dunn to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. All in favor.

Councilor Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Motioned by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Attested:

Darci Wheeler, City Clerk

Please note: These minutes are action minutes. The entire meeting can be viewed at www.cityofbath.com