

# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE**

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:00 PM

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

**Councilors Absent:** Jennifer DeChant

**City Staff Present:** Marc Meyers, City Manager; Christopher Taylor, Deputy City Clerk; Juli Millett, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager; Rod Melanson, Director of Sustainability & Environment; Jenn Curtis, Planning Director; Michael Bethea, IT Coordinator

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Manager's Report

**The City of Bath no longer enforces a permanent winter parking ban. Instead, parking bans will now be issued on a per-storm basis as necessary. Information, including alternate parking areas, will be pushed through normal (local news outlets, City Website, social media, text alerts) channels.**

**The Maine Climate Council is scheduled to host their "Maine Climate Council Plan Release Event" at Morse on 11/21. Their decision to host in Bath speaks well to the climate action The City is doing, locally.**

New Business

2024-118) Order: Approving Climate Action Plan

**6:05 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Ambrosino to put the order on the floor was seconded by Councilor Marks.**

**Rod Melanson, Director of Sustainability & Environment provided background on the order and fielded a comment and question from Councilor Dunn.**

**Public Comment was offered from Paul Perkins (in support of The Plan).**

**Councilor Johnson, Chairperson Bell, and Councilor Dunn provided final council comment.**

**Show-of-Hands Vote: The Order was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays**

**2024-119) Order: Approving City Manager Contract**

**6:16 PM**

**A motion was made by Councilor Dunn to put the item on the floor which was seconded by Councilor McCorkle.**

**Chair Bell provided background on the item and fielded preliminary Councilor Comment from Councilor Dunn There was no Public Comment. Councilor Ambrosino provided final Councilor Comment.**

**Show-of-Hands Vote: The item was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays**

**2024-120) Order: Extending term of contract with Ubicquia**

**6:20 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Ambrosino to put the order on the floor was seconded by Councilor Dunn.**

**City Manager Marc Meyers provided background (on the order) and, with the help of Mark Carter from Realterm Energy (RTE), fielded initial Councilor Comments/Questions from Councilors Dunn, Johnson, and Ambrosino**

**There was no Public Comment. Chairperson Bell and Councilor Dunn provided Final Councilor Comments/Questions**

**Show of Hands Vote: The Order was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays**

**2024-121) Ordinance: Approving pole attachment agreement with Ubicquia (First Passage)**

**6:30 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Dunn to put the order on the floor was seconded by Councilor Marks.**

**City Manager Marc Meyers provided background on the Ordinance. Chairperson Bell then invited Mark Carter from Realterm Energy (RTE) to the podium, to show Council the type of hardware being considered for use under the ordinance, and explain how this hardware works.**

**Mr. Carter and City Manager Meyers fielded comments/questions from Councilors Marks, McCorkle, Dunn, Ambrosino, and Johnson**

**There was no Public or Final Council comment.**

**Roll Call Vote: The ordinance was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays**

2024-122) Ordinance: 150 Congress Avenue Contract Zoning **(First Passage)**

**6:49 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Ambrosino to put the order on the floor was seconded by Councilor Dunn.**

**City Planner Jennifer Curtis provided background on the item. She, along with Mike Lyne from (Project Developer) Developers Collaborative, fielded questions/comments/concerns from Councilors Marks and Dunn.**

**There was no Public Comment. Councilor Ambrosino provided final Councilor Comment.**

**Roll Call Vote: The Ordinance was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays.**

2024-123) Discussion: Council Priorities Review

**7:07 PM**

**Chairperson Bell summarized/reiterated the nine 2024 Council Priorities and provided an update on each. Councilors Marks, Johnson, Mansfield-Pryor, and Dunn all added to the discussion.**

2024-124) Order: Approving easement agreement with CMP for an underground line at Edward J. McMann Athletic Complex

**7:19 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Ambrosino to put the order on the floor was seconded by Councilor McCorkle.**

**City Manager Marc Meyers provided background on the Order and fielded questions from Councilor Dunn. No Public or Final Council Comment.**

**Show-of-Hands Vote: The Order was approved unanimously, with seven (7) yays and zero (0) nays**

Adjournment

**7:24 PM**

**A motion made by Councilor Dunn to adjourn was seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. The motion carried unanimously.**