

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE
Wednesday, April 20th, 2022, 6:00 PM

Councilors Present: Julie Ambrosino, Phyllis Bailey, Mary Ellen Bell, Terry Nordmann, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant, Aaron Park, Elizabeth Dingley

Councilors Absent: Susan Bauer

City Staff Present: Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Juli Millett, Finance Director; Roger Therriault, City Solicitor; and Richard Osmer, BCTV

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

Presentation of Budget to City Council

II. Resolution – Fair Housing Resolution

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

STATE OF MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Bath that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law). It is the policy of the City of Bath to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin. Therefore, the City Council of the City of Bath does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Maine Human Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston Regional Office Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and any applicable state and local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Marc Meyers, City Manager, gave overview of the item.

Discussion and questions provided by Councilors Bell, Dunn, and Bailey. No public comment.

Councilor Ambrosino moved, Councilor Dunn seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays.

III. Order – Standards of Conduct

ORDER ADOPTION

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH ADOPTS THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE STATE OF MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND THAT THE CITY, AS GRANT RECIPIENTS, FOLLOW SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES, PRESCRIBED STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND UBRAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) REQUIREMENTS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

Marc Meyers, City Manager, gave overview of the item.

Discussion and questions provided by Councilor Dunn. No public comment.

Councilor Bell moved, Councilor Ambrosino seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays.

IV. Rabies Adhoc Committee Discussion

Councilors Dingley, Dunn, and Bell gave update. Discussion continued with all Councilors participating.

Councilor Dunn moved, Councilor Dingley seconded, for Council to seek guidance from county, state, and federal governments in the coordination of the ORC component of a wider rabies management campaign. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays.

It was determined that the City Manager will reach out to the county, state and federal governments and report back their guidance to council.

Councilor Bell moved, Councilor Ambrosino seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and (0) nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Attested:

Darci L. Wheeler, City Clerk

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