



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2015

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Thomas P. Cote, Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins, Councilor Fred W. Smith and Councilor Victor E. DiGregorio. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Steven Benotti, Fire Chief; Steven Cotter, Assistant Fire Chief and Peter Smith, Public Works foreman.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

The session began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Mayor Cote performs the Council Roll Call: Present; Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Hanslip, present and Councilor Herlihy, present.

Swearing-in of new members of the City Council (Maura A. Herlihy, Joseph R. Hanslip and Victor E. Digregorio)

(Sue Cote, City Clerk)

- ◆ Elect Deputy Mayor of the City Council for 2015; Councilor Walsh moved to nominate Councilor Maura A. Herlihy as the Deputy Mayor for 2015, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to appoint.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: December 16, 2014; Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve. (Councilor Walsh abstained)

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote discussed a meeting that he had with the owners and operators of Spectrum Health Systems, Inc., here in Sanford. He had discussion regarding the surrounding communities and the increasing issues with heroin. Mayor Cote recommends looking at the web-site www.teen.drugabuse.gov where a lot of information can be found that may help families to become aware of drug issues.

City Manager's Report

See Attached

Communications/Presentations

Public Participation

Victoria Clendaniel – Senior at Sanford High School and the Student Representative of the School Committee. She is here to speak in favor of the New Proposed Sanford High School. She spoke of the Pep Rally at the School on Saturday, January 10th and welcomed all to attend.

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. A renewal Mental Health & Abuse Clinic License from Maine Behavioral Healthcare (formerly known as Counseling Services Inc.), 474 Main Street, Springvale, ME. (This is the first of two public hearings). Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:24pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:24pm.
2. A Public Hearing to receive comments on the elimination of the position of Director of Planning and the creation of the position of Director of Planning and Development, pursuant to Charter Section 205.3. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:25pm. John Carmahalis asked what the goal is in changing this position. Mayor Cote explained that this is to streamline the application process regarding business applications, etc. Manager Buck further explained the two year history that brought us to this public hearing. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:36pm.
3. A Public Hearing to receive comments on amendments to Code Chapter 272-1-5 (2) Site Plan Review to establish the new position of Director of Planning and Development the authority to coordinate the technical review process of Site and Construction permitting. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:36pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:36pm

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cote sought comments or concerns regarding the following items. There were no comments or concerns. Consent agenda items were approved.

15-01.01 Ordered, to approve the following license request:

1. A renewal Mental Health & Abuse Clinic License from Maine Behavioral Healthcare (formerly known as Counseling Services, Inc), 474 Main Street, Springvale, ME. (This is the first of two readings)

Old Business

New Business

15-02.02 Ordered, to make appointments to various City Boards and Committees

as recommended by the Council Appointments sub-committee. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

- 15-03.03 Ordered, to discuss the recommendations of the Mayor for the 2015 Council Sub-Committees or Council representation to other Ad Hoc or temporary Committees. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve the Mayor Recommendations.
- 15-04.04 Ordered, to make appointments to the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. Councilor Walsh moved to appoint Mayor Cote and Becky Brink, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-05.05 Ordered, to approve the City Council Rules of Procedure for 2015 pursuant to section 213 of the Sanford City Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve with amendments.
- 15-06.06 Ordered, to approve and sign the Code of Conduct for 2015. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve with amendments.
- 15-07.07 Ordered, to set the annual compensation for the City Councilors per section 206.1 of the Sanford City Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to set the compensation at \$4,000 annually, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-08.08 Ordered, to set the annual compensation for the City Mayor per section 305 of the Sanford City Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to set the compensation at \$5,000 annually, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-09.09 Ordered, to set a time and place for regular Council meetings at least twice per month, pursuant to Charter Section 209 of the Sanford City Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to discuss setting the time to 6:00pm. Councilor Hanslip spoke of accessibility and feels that the 7:00pm timeframe accomplishes just that. Councilor Walsh moved to set the City Council meetings at 7:00pm on Tuesday nights at least twice per month, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-10.10 Ordered, to approve the proposed budget review schedule, which shall govern the budget committee's work, per section 602.2 of the Sanford City Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-11.11 Order, to authorize the purchase of a used 1996 Case 590 Backhoe and

to redirect FY 14/15 Capital Improvement Program resources. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh explained the savings in approving this and the Property Sub-Committee recommending this purchase. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

15-12.12 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains the elimination of the position of Director of Planning and the creation of the position of Director of Planning and Development, pursuant to Charter Section 205.3. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading).

15-13.13 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to Code Chapter 272-1-5 (2) Site Plan Review to establish the new position of Director of Planning and Development the authority to coordinate the technical review process of Site and Construction permitting. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading).

Council Member Comments

Councilor DiGregorio: Thanked everyone that supported his candidacy. He is very thankful for having the ability to serve.

Councilor Smith: spoke of investing in our City by building a new high school. Encouraged everyone to go out and vote on January 13, 2015.

Councilor Wilkins: Congratulated Victor on his success.

Councilor Walsh: Thanked the Sanford PD for their trip to NY to honor the fallen NYPD officers. He also acknowledged the awards ceremony and congratulated all the officers that were recognized. He congratulated the newly sworn Council members. He discussed the School Referendum vote and encouraged go vote yes.

Councilor Hanslip: Thanked the voters for electing him to server another 3 years. He congratulated the other newly sworn officials.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Thanked all and spoke of the school vote. Vote Tuesday, January 13th

Mayor Cote: Thanked everyone and welcomed new officials. Thanked Alan Mapes for the new Banners in the chambers. He also spoke of the School and encouraged citizens to get out and vote.

Future Agenda Items

Council Workshop – Metrocast Issues

Public Safety Committee – Crosswalk at Nasson & Rite Aid, Townhouse Properties, Hannaford to North Street and the one in front of City Hall.

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 8:18pm

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant