



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2019

The Sanford City Council met at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. **Mayor:** Thomas P. Cote. **COUNCILORS:** Deputy Mayor Lucas J. Lanigan, Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Ayn M. Hanselmann; Councilor John L. Tuttle, Jr.; Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Robert G. Stackpole. **CITY STAFF:** City Manager Steven Buck; Executive Assistant Lorisa Ricketts; Fire Chief Steve Benotti; Development Director Ian Houseal; City Clerk Sue Cote; Public Works Director Matt Hill; School Superintendent Matt Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The regular City Council session began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Mayor Cote performed the Council roll call: Councilor Hanselmann, present; Councilor Stackpole, present; Councilor Tuttle, present; Councilor Hanslip, present; Councilor Herlihy, present; Deputy Mayor Lanigan, present.

Minutes

19-524-01 Ordered, to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on September 17, 2019.

Councilor Tuttle moved to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Councilor Hanslip abstained.

19-525-01 Ordered, to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on September 17, 2019, with the amendment that Councilor Hanslip was not present.

Councilor Stackpole moved to approve. Councilor Tuttle seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Councilor Hanslip abstained.

Mayor's Report/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

City Manager Buck read a statement from Airport Manager Allison Navia thanking all of the responders to the helicopter crash at the airport on Saturday. She noted that in particular, the presence of Life Flight at the airport and their ability to quickly respond was pivotal to the survival of the pilot.

Mayor Cote thanked Allison for her updates on the situation as it was occurring.

Communications/Presentations

19-528-01 Presentation on 2019 Referendum Questions on Bonds

City Manager Buck presented on the Road and Fire Station Land Purchase bond items which will be included on the November ballot, explaining what the bonds would accomplish.

Superintendent Nelson presented on the School bond item. Mayor Cote asked what the timing for completion of the projects is. Margaret Chase Smith School is on schedule, temporary occupancy in spring. Asbestos abatement at former high school has taken much longer than anticipated. Spring will be the earliest for them to get in there. That project dictates what happens with timing of work at the current middle school (future elementary school). Once the school district gets a schedule from the contractor, they can look at how timing of transition will work for schools.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan said that when the State awarded the \$43 Million, it meant an aggressive timetable and that amount did not anticipate changes in the construction market. Could the Department of Education help offset the changes in the costs? Superintendent Nelson is not confident they could add anything to the amount that the State would contribute.

City Manager Buck showed an analysis of the effect of the three bonds on the mil rate.

Mayor Cote thanked the City Manager and the Superintendent, as well as City Staff for their work on the presentation. These bonds are an opportunity to invest in the community. He said the Council, Budget Committee and School Committee support these issues.

Public Hearing on the bond questions will be October 15 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers as part of the regular City Council Meeting.

Public Participation

None.

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

- 19-512-01 A Public Hearing on an ordinance repealing City Code §§ 136-1 through 136-15, the chapter pertaining to road impact fees, in its entirety.

Public Hearing opened at 7:19 PM.

Director Houseal explained that it was felt that this ordinance might repel investors from coming to the community. Mayor Cote reminded the Council that this ordinance has not been enforced for some time.

Public Hearing closed at 7:20 PM.

- 19-514-01 A Public Hearing to receive comments on the New liquor license application with Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous privileges, and an application for the City Special Amusement Permit from Sophem Corp D/B/A Bon Ami Catering, 15 Oak Hill Road, Sanford, Maine.

Public Hearing opened at 7:20 PM.

Richard Clark spoke representing his wife's business and thanked the Council for adding approval of the license to the agenda, pending the Health license from the State, which should be in place within one week. Bon Ami will be coming in as the exclusive licensed caterer for the Wormwood Center.

An issue with the physical address of the Waban Property and property of the Wormwood Center have been straightened out with the Fire Marshal.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan reminded the Councilors that whatever the Council decides tonight, no license will be awarded until the State has finished its health inspection.

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 PM.

Consent Agenda

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 19-515-01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:
1. Sophem Corp D/B/A Bon Ami Catering, 15 Oak Hill Road, Sanford, Maine.
 1. Application for a New Liquor License.
 2. Application for a New City Special Amusement Permit.
- Deputy Mayor Lanigan moved to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.
- Motion passed 7-0.
- 19-483-01 Ordered, to accept a proposal for Engineering Consulting Services for the Creation of a City Technical Manual for a not-to-exceed cost of \$35,995.00 from Wright-Pierce of Portland, Maine in order to standardize design and construction practices within the Roadway Capital Improvements Program.
- Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.
- Mayor Cote said this item was presented to the Property Subcommittee a couple of weeks ago.
- Motion passed 7-0.
- 19-492-01 Ordained, repeal of City Code §§ 136-1 through 136-15, the chapter pertaining to road impact fees, in its entirety. (This item must be read at two separate meetings; this is a first reading.)
- 19-513-01 Ordered, to set the City Council meeting dates for November, 2019 as follows:
- Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM
- Councilor Hanslip motioned to approve. Councilor Tuttle seconded.
- Mayor Cote explained that due to a conflict with Election Day on November 5 and with Thanksgiving week, these are the only two Tuesdays available in November.
- Motion passed 7-0.
- 19-511-01 Ordered, to accept the bid for the removal of identified asbestos containing material - 46 High Street from R. J. Enterprises, Inc. in the firm fixed price in the amount of \$13,300.00.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.

Director Houseal presented on this item and reminded the Council that this building was declared a dangerous and hazardous building, and had significant deterioration and contamination from prior use as a dry-cleaning business.

Motion passed 7-0.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Hanselmann: Will not be at the next Council meeting. Encouraged people to get out and vote in support of the bonds on November 5 – it is an investment in Sanford. Noted that the Pumpkin Festival was an amazing event.

Councilor Stackpole: Sanford International Film Festival is October 16-19. Get out and watch some good movies. He had a great time at the Pumpkin Festival and was impressed by all of the local entrepreneurs selling things. He has his Stackpole for Council Facebook page up. Send him an email or PM on Facebook.

Councilor Tuttle: Congratulations to SHS football team and its coach. The Candidates Forum will be Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM in the Council Chambers.

Councilor Hanslip: Expressed sadness that the Journal Tribune will cease production on October 13. Will be a tremendous loss for all of York County. There is not likely to be another paper, let alone one that does such a great job. Shouted out to Tammy Wells and others who made it the vibrant newspaper it has been.

Councilor Herlihy: The Journal Tribune was a tenant of hers for many years but kept downsizing. She is so glad Tammy still has a job at Mainely Media; she hopes they know what a valuable asset they will have. She also hopes that Tammy gets a beat that includes coverage of Sanford.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan: Condolences to the staff at the Journal Tribune. He thinks it is sad, we lost the Sanford News and are now losing the Journal Tribune. Sometimes with bad news comes opportunity; he says there was a newspaper interested in coming to Sanford when the Sanford News closed, but that it didn't want to compete with the Journal Tribune. So there may be an opportunity now to have a free newspaper in town again. Jon Bettis and Mike Sabine were instrumental in organizing the Pumpkin Festival.

Mayor Cote: Closing of the Journal Tribune is a big loss. He would echo Deputy Mayor Lanigan: trying to get non-biased news is very difficult. We will miss the non-biased approach to information being put out there. Appreciate what Tammy has done for the community. SIFF is coming up and the Pumpkin Festival just occurred; wants to thank the people who make these events happen.

Future Agenda Items

Deputy Mayor Lanigan: Chapter 215: Smoking and Tobacco use in parks is prohibited; not enough signage. Excess Junk – on Pioneer Street, looks like a junk-yard. Possible speed bumps within residential neighborhoods. Riverbank Court – changing name. Making Merrill Street two-way.

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lorisa Ricketts, Executive Assistant.