



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019

The Sanford City Council met at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 17, 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; Parks and Recreation Director Alan Grady; Development Director Ian Houseal; Airport Manager Allison Navia.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moment of Silence

Councilor Lanigan remembered Firefighter Bell from Farmington and his colleagues who were injured in the explosion.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes

19-500-01 Ordered, to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on September 3, 2019.

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

19-501-01 Ordered, to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on September 3, 2019.

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

Mayor's Report/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Public Safety Subcommittee had a very constructive meeting and Councilor Tuttle was very pleased at how things went.

City Manager's Report

Manager Buck reported on progress related to homelessness. See attached.

Mayor Cote thanked all of the people, and officer Small in particular, who have worked on the homelessness issue, to the betterment of the lives of those people.

Communications/Presentations

19-503-01 A proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week.

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in attendance and recognized Catherine Fisher, the Chairman for the Daughters of the American Revolution (Rebecca Emery Chapter) for her efforts in encouraging communities to participate in recognizing Constitution week. Mayor Cote read the proclamation and presented a copy to them.

19-504-01 A proclamation declaring November 1, 2019 as "Extra Mile Day" to recognize people and organizations who are creating positive change in the community through extraordinary efforts in volunteerism and service.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan read the proclamation. Mayor Cote thanked all of those in our community who regularly go the extra mile.

Public Participation

None.

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

19-489-01 A Public Hearing to receive comments on a New Liquor License with malt and vinous privileges from The Chilean Cuisine LLC D/B/A The Chilean, 1364 Main Street, Suite 13, Sanford, Maine.

Public Hearing opened at 6:23 PM.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:24 PM.

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- 19-490-01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:
1. An application for a New Liquor License with malt and vinous privileges from The Chilean Cuisine LLC D/B/A The Chilean, 1364 Main Street, Suite 13, Sanford, Maine.

Mayor Cote sought questions or comments from the Council on the Consent Agenda. Seeing no questions or comments, the motion was approved.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 19-498-01 Ordered, to sign the Municipal Warrant calling for the Municipal and Referendum Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.

Mayor Cote reminded the public that November 5 is the date that the local bond issues will be on the ballot. It is a very important date for Sanford's future. Both meetings in October will have reviews on those bond issues.

Motion passed 6-0.

- 19-375-01 Ordered, to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a short term land lease with Sanford Airport Solar LLC for parcels as a construction laydown area, office trailer area, and uses incidental to the construction of the solar farm.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Herlihy seconded.

Allison Navia explained the lease and what it would cover.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-499-01 Ordered, to authorize application for a 2020 Recreational Trails Program grant of up to \$62,500 to improve safety and connectivity of Sanford Trail system.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director Alan Grady presented on the grant application and what might be done with the funds if the application is successful.

Mayor Cote mentioned that this item was discussed at Property Subcommittee at some length.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-502-01 Ordered, to authorize application for a 2020 Recreational Trails Program grant of \$5,000 to replace and improve signage on the Sanford trail system.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.

Director Grady presented on the grant application and what might be done with the funds.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-481-01 Ordered, to re-name the fitness zone and skate park "Marcel's Park" in honor of former Parks and Recreation Director Marcel Blouin.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Councilor Stackpole seconded.

Director Grady presented on this item and explained that to alleviate confusion about the skate-park and fitness zone, which is not part of the YMCA, there will be additional signage put in place and this is a good time to name the park. There will be signage with a bio of Mr. Blouin, explaining who he is and why the park is named for him.

Mayor Cote thanked Mr. Blouin for his contributions during his years serving as Parks and Recreation Director for Sanford.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-488-01 Ordered, to accept the bid for the demolition and removal of the 922 Main Street building from Peter Petit Landscaping Inc. in the firm fixed price in the amount of \$10,900.00.

Councilor Stackpole motioned to approve. Deputy Mayor Lanigan seconded.

Development Director Ian Houseal presented on this item and explained what the demolition would entail.

Councilor Hanselmann asked if there is an obligation to maintain a shared driveway. Director Houseal explained that there is an easement in place but no obligation to maintain the shared driveway.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-506-01 Ordered, to authorize the closure of William Oscar Emery Drive from near the Armory to Lincoln Street, and of Gowen Park Drive from the lower gazebo to William Oscar Emery Drive for the Great Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, September 28th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Councilor Tuttle motioned to approve. Deputy Mayor Lanigan seconded.

Motion passed 6-0.

19-507-01 Ordered, to authorize the closure of Shaw Rd from the intersection of Shaw's Ridge Rd to Spur Rd for the Weekend of October 12-14, 2019 between the hours of 6 AM and 6 PM for the Annual Columbus Day Soccer Tournament.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan motioned to approve. Councilor Tuttle seconded.

Motion passed 6-0.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Hanselmann: None.

Councilor Stackpole: Reminded people that Sanford is a food sovereign community. With the harvest season here, as people are putting up jams, jellies, etc., remember that under the food sovereignty ordinance, people can sell items out of their homes, bypassing typical licensing requirements.

Councilor Tuttle: None.

Councilor Hanslip: None.

Councilor Herlihy: None.

Deputy Mayor Lanigan: Had someone reach out to him about St. Ignatius apartments. Would like Public Safety Subcommittee or Land Bank to look at this.

Mayor Cote: Congratulations to the SHS football team for a really great performance against Thornton Academy, and they had a good game against Oxford Hills as well. The other SHS teams are doing well, too.

Councilor Herlihy pointed out that Sanford does play against Biddeford this year for Homecoming.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lorisa Ricketts, Executive Assistant.