



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
471 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. ROLL CALL

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by City Council President Anna A. Turcotte.

City Councilors Present: Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large), David C. Morse (Ward 1, Vice President), Victor Chau (Ward 2), Gary Rairdon (Ward 4), Jennifer Munro (Ward 5), Claude Rwaganje (At-Large), Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, President)

City Councilors Absent: None

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Natalie Burns (City Solicitor), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Katherine Kelley (Wastewater Manager), Suzanne Knight (Finance Director), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Kelsey Ledoux (Executive Assistant), Lillian Ranco (Student Representative), Daniel Stevenson (Economic Development Director), Gary Wagner (Interim Asst. Fire Chief)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Turcotte led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Turcotte stated that unless any objections were received, the minutes would stand as presented. No objections received. The following minutes stand as presented:

January 24, 2022 - Special City Council Meeting

IV. MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Foley read his message into the record. The full text of the Mayor's Message is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Foley gave the floor to Ms. Kelley who provided an update on the Melcher Court Combined Sewer Overflow Project. A copy of her presentation is attached to these minutes.

V. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

President Turcotte opened the floor for City Council messages. Councilors provided the following updates: None

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Student Representative Ranco provided the following updates:

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Westbrook High School will hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Information is available on the Westbrook High School Website. The Westbrook School District is in desperate need of substitute teachers. For more information, please visit the Westbrook School Department website. The Westbrook High School boys and girls basketball teams both have games upcoming later this week.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Turcotte opened the floor for the first public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Dan Glover (90 Stroudwater Street)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. ORDERS OF THE DAY (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

Included below are the City Council Orders which require second and final reading.

Order 2022-6. Approving Write-Off of Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes.

Order 2022-7. Authorizing Write-Off of Uncollectible Real Estate Taxes.

Order 2022-8. Authorizing Purchase of IV Medication Pumps.

Order 2022-9. Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of STOP Violence Against Women Grant.

Order 2022-10. Authorizing Purchase of a Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

Order 2022-11. Authorizing Agreement with Portland Water District for Water Main Work at Westbrook Common.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2022-6 through 2022-11.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Vice President Morse.

President Turcotte asked if any Councilor would like to consider any item separately. No one spoke.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

None

Motion carried. Orders 2022-6 through 2022-11 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Rwaganje, Turcotte

Nays: None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Included below are the Council actions on New Business, which includes business licenses requiring City Council approval, City Council Resolves and Orders receiving first and final reading, and City Council Orders receiving the first of two required readings.

Resolves (One Reading Required)

Resolve 2022-3. Accepting the Planning Board Chair's Annual Report for 2021.

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau

Motion carried. Resolve 2022-3 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Rwaganje, Turcotte

Nays: None

Orders (One Reading Required)

Order 2022-12. Amending Order 2021-62, Regarding Westbrook Common Revitalization Project.

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau, Ms. Burns

Motion carried. Order 2022-12 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Rwaganje, Turcotte

Nays: None

Order 2022-13. Authorizing Purchase of Equipment & Services Related to Installation & Operation of Police Department Body Cameras.

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Vice

President Morse, Mayor Foley, Mr. Bryant

Motion carried. Order 2022-13 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Rwaganje, Turcotte

Nays: None

Orders (Two Readings Required)

Order 2022-14. Authorizing Award of Bid for Cumberland Mills Paving Project.

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Foley, Councilor Rwaganje, Mr. Bryant

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-15. Authorizing Purchase & Sale Agreement with Portland Terminal Company.

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Foley, Councilor Rairdon, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Kelley, Councilor Chau

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-16. Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of Firehouse Subs Grant.

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.
Moved by Councilor Rwaganje, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Foley, Mr. Bryant, Councilor Chau, Interim Asst. Fire Chief Wagner
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-17. Authorizing FY 2023 Animal Shelter Contract with the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.
Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Chau.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Foley
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-18. Authorizing Award of Bid for Cemetery Mowing Services.

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.
Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
None
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-19. Authorizing Stroudwater Apartments Affordable Housing Development District & Credit Enhancement Agreement.

President Turcotte noted for the record that this item will require a public hearing, to be held on February 28, 2022.
Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.
Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Turcotte opened the floor for the second and final public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rairdon, Christopher Laroche (Executive Director of Westbrook Housing Authority)

XII. REFERRALS

Request to refer "Amending the City Council Rules of Order to include land acknowledgement statement on Council agendas" to Committee of the Whole
Motion to refer this item to the Committee of the Whole.
Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.
Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)
Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Munro, Rwaganje, Turcotte

Nays: Chau, Rairdon

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following items remain in their City Council Committees for deliberation. No updates were provided by Committee Chairs.

Committee of the Whole

Residential Landlord Registration

Amending Land Use Ordinance to Expand Medical & Recreational Marijuana Businesses

Comprehensive Ethics Reform

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension

Sidewalks & Traffic at Haskell Street

Condition of Westbrook Middle School Baseball Field

Traffic Issues on Forest Street

Finance Committee

Creating a Fire Truck Fund

Public Safety Committee

Use of Force Policy Analysis

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests for an Executive Session

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:02pm

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.