

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018  
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 114**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 6:02pm by Committee Chair Gary Rairdon.

**City Councilors Present:** Lynda Adams (Ward 5); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Ann E. Peoples (Ward 4); Gary Rairdon (At-Large/Committee Chair); Anna Turcotte (Ward 3); John O’Hara (At-Large/Vice President); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1/President)

**City Councilors Absent:** None

**Other City Officials Present:** Mark Bower (Legal Counsel); Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Dr. Peter Lancia (Westbrook School District Superintendent); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

**MAIN STREET LIGHTING DESIGN**

Committee Chair Rairdon gave the floor to Mr. Bryant to present a request to award a bid for Main Street lighting design. Mr. Bryant shared that the current lighting along Main Street and in several municipally-owned parking lots were installed in the mid to late 1970s as part of the Urban Renewal initiative. The lights are not energy efficient. This proposal is to award a design contract for new energy-efficient LED lights and would not include purchase or installation. The proposed lights would match style of the lights currently in place along William Clarke Drive and around the Bridge Street bridge. The City received two bids on the request for proposals for design services; the City is requesting an award of bid to the low-bidder, Wright-Pierce of Portland. Mr. Bryant and Eric Dudley, the Director of Engineering & Public Services, presented this project to Discover Downtown Westbrook, and the organization was supportive.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions:

1. Councilor Chau
2. Committee Chair Rairdon
3. Mr. Bryant
4. Councilor Peoples
5. Councilor Turcotte
6. President Rielly

Motion to refer this matter to City Council for first reading.

Moved by President Rielly, seconded by Councilor Peoples.

**Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)**

Ayes: Councilor Adams, Councilor Peoples, Councilor Turcotte, Vice President O’Hara, President Rielly

Nays: Councilor Chau, Committee Chair Rairdon

**REFERENDUM QUESTION – GREATER SEBAGO EDUCATION ALLIANCE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER**

Committee Chair Rairdon gave the floor to Dr. Lancia, who presented a memo to City Council. In July 2017, the Legislature adopted an initiative to encourage school districts to establish regional service

centers to promote regionalization of services. The legislation included a provision stating that participation would allow a school district to continue to receive its full State subsidy. If a school district elects not to participate it would lose a portion of the subsidy, which for Westbrook would equate to about \$56,000 for the current fiscal year and \$114,000 for the next fiscal year. The Westbrook School Department has already been part of the Sebago Education Alliance and signing on to the Greater Sebago Education Alliance would simply formalize what the school district has already been doing, though it expands the alliance to include additional communities in the area. The Westbrook School Committee approved this alliance in June, but it also requires voter approval at the upcoming November election.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions:

1. Councilor Peoples
2. Councilor Chau
3. Dr. Lancia
4. Vice President O'Hara
5. Councilor Rairdon
6. Councilor Adams
7. Ms. Holmes

Motion to refer this matter to City Council for first reading.  
Moved by President Rielly, seconded by Councilor Turcotte.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-1)**

Ayes: Councilor Adams, Councilor Chau, Councilor Peoples, Councilor Turcotte, Vice President O'Hara, President Rielly

Nays: Committee Chair Rairdon

**REVISITING MAIN STREET LIGHTING DESIGN**

Mr. Dudley arrived at the meeting, and the Committee decided to revisit this item. Committee Chair Rairdon presented to Mr. Dudley a synopsis of the questions asked during the initial discussion earlier in the meeting. Mr. Dudley stated that the design process would provide them with a better idea of what the total cost for light replacement would be.

The following individuals presented additional questions for Mr. Dudley:

1. Vice President O'Hara

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:02pm.

Moved by President Rielly, seconded by Councilor Peoples.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**