



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL (ROOM 114)
125 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by City Council President Anna A. Turcotte. City Clerk Angela Holmes read the City Council Land Acknowledgement statement into the record.

II. ROLL CALL

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

City Councilors Absent: None

Other City Officials Present: Mark Bowers (Legal Counsel), Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Harrison Deah (Director of General Assistance & Social Services) Eric Dudley (Director of Engineering & Public Services), Melanie Fernald (Deputy City Clerk), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Tressina Germani (Deputy Finance Director), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Katherine Kelley (Wastewater Division Supervisor), Suzanne Knight (Finance Director), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Brian Langerman (Deputy Fire Chief), Ellis Ledoux (Executive Assistant), Propser Lohomboli (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator), Greg Post (Director of Community Services), Dean Prindle (City Assessor), Stephen Sloan (Fire Chief), Gary Wagner (Assistant Fire Chief)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Turcotte led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. 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:

April 24, 2023 - Special Council Meeting & Finance Committee Meeting

V. MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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

VI. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

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

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

There was no Student Representative update.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Turcotte opened the floor for the first public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

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

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

Order 2023-41. Authorizing Award of Bid for Bridge Street Sewer Lining

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2023-41.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Munro.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
None

Motion carried. Orders 2023-41 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

XI. 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, City Council Orders receiving the first of two required readings.

Business Licenses

Liquor License for Lone Pine Brewing Company, located at Rock Row

President Turcotte opened the public hearing on the State liquor license application for Lone Pine Brewing Company, located at Rock Row. The following individuals spoke: Ms. Fernald, Mayor Foley, John Paul (Co-Founder of Lone Pine Brewing Company), Lynda Adams (Rock Row), Councilor Rairdon, President Turcotte

President Turcotte closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve the State liquor license application.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Orders (Two Readings Required)

Order 2023-42. Approving Purchase of Police Department K-9 Unit

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

Moved by Councilor Munro, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

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

President Morse, Mr. Bryant, Mayor Foley

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-43. Authorizing Purchase of Replacement ADA Lift & Diving Board for Westbrook Community Center's Davan Indoor Pool

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

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Munro.

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

None

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-44. Authorizing Entering Into an Agreement with Rent.Fun for App-Based Kayak Rentals

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

Moved by Councilor Munro, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

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

None

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-45. Authorizing Purchase of Two (2) New ZTrak Mowers for Community Services

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

Moved by Councilor Munro, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

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

None

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-46. Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Batting Cages in the Westbrook Community Center's Recreation Wing

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

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Munro.

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

None

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-47. Authorizing Expenditure for Turf Tank Subscription Rental for Community 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:

Councilor Shaughnessy, Mr. Post, Councilor Chau

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2023-48. Amending Orders 2021-104, 2022-34 & 2022-35 Regarding Ambulance Purchases

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:

Councilor Chau, Mayor Foley, Chief Sloan

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Turcotte opened the floor for the second and final public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: None

XIII. REFERRALS

There were no referrals for consideration.

XIV. 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

Adopting Policy to Protect Employees' Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension

Public Safety Committee

Workshop on Police Department Anti-Racism Efforts

Finance Committee

Proposed FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget and Wastewater Budget

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests for an Executive Session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:46pm.

Moved by Councilor

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

May 1, 2023

DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Over the next week, there will be significant traffic disruptions on William Clarke Drive (Route 25) which started last week to bring utilities across the street to the Vertical Harvest/Parking Garage project, traffic will be reduced to one-lane of traffic in each direction on William Clarke Drive. This week there will be night time disruptions while crews make the utility trench across William Clarke Drive. For commuters through Westbrook, the best way to avoid these traffic disruptions is to reroute around William Clarke Drive using Main Street and Spring Street. For local traffic, there will be no turning traffic off William Clarke Drive onto Mechanic Street, Central Street, Brackett Street, or Church Street. Please see seeingorangewestbrook.com for more information and sign up for construction notices.

VETERAN'S ACTIVITIES

Our Veterans Coffee & Information Sessions continue at the Westbrook Community Center with our next event on May 11th at 9am. At these sessions our Veteran's Service Officer Arty Ledoux updates veterans on various issues affecting them and we hear stories from those present about their service to our country.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

Just a reminder of our upcoming traditional Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony on Monday, May 29th. The parade will begin at 10am and start at the intersection of Mechanic Street & William Clarke Drive with a ceremony following in Riverbank Park. Those participating are asked to arrive at 9:30am and we hope City Councilors are able to join. We thank the Veterans Services Advisory Committee for their work in organizing this event and we look forward to seeing everyone there as we honor those we have lost in service to our country.

WESTBROOK TOGETHER DAYS

Also a reminder of the annual Westbrook Together Day this year on June 2nd & 3rd. More details will be available on their Facebook Page and we thank the Westbrook-Gorham Community Chamber of Commerce for their partnership and work in organizing this event. We look forward to seeing everyone at these exciting community events!

UPCOMING ELECTION

The School Budget Validation Referendum will be held on June 13, 2023. Polls are located at the Westbrook Community Center and will be open 6am to 8pm. Absentee ballots can be requested through the link on the City Website or by calling our Election Hotline at 207-591-8116.