



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
WESTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
471 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. ROLL CALL

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by City Council President Gary Rairdon.

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

City Councilors Absent: None

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Natalie Burns (City Solicitor), Harrison Deah (Director of General Assistance & Social Services), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Daniel Stevenson (Director of Economic Development)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rairdon led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

August 2, 2021 - Facilities & Streets Committee Meeting & Regular City Council Meeting
August 30, 2021 - 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.

V. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

President Rairdon opened the floor for City Council messages. The following Councilors spoke: Councilor Morse, Vice President Turcotte, Mayor Foley, President Rairdon, Councilor Chau, Councilor Shaughnessy

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

There was no Student Representative update.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rairdon opened the floor for the first public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Foley

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

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

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

Order 2021-92. Authorizing Purchase of Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department.

Order 2021-93. Authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement with Westbrook Housing Authority for a Portion of a Parcel on Stroudwater Street.

Order 2021-94. Authorizing Agreement with Maine Department of Transportation for Easements on Cumberland Street.

Order 2021-95. Authorizing Agreement for Trenching at Public Safety Building.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2021-92 through 2021-95.

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Vice President Turcotte.

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

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

Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau

Motion carried. Orders 2021-92 through 2021-95 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

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

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

Orders (One Reading Required)

Order 2021-96. Adopting the Annual General Assistance Ordinance and Setting the Maximums for 2021-2022.

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

Moved by Vice President Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Morse.

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

Motion carried. Order 2021-96 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Order 2021-97. Adopting Westbrook City Council Remote Participation Policy.

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

President Rairdon opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Foley, Councilor Morse, Ms. Burns, Councilor Chau, Vice President Turcotte, Councilor Rwaganje, Councilor Shaughnessy, Councilor Storey

Motion carried. Order 2021-97 adopted. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Orders (Two Readings Required)

Order 2021-98. Authorizing Purchase of Portable Speed Signs for Traffic Safety.

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

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Morse.

President Rairdon opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Foley, Councilor Rwaganje, Chief Lally, Councilor Chau, President Rairdon, Councilor Morse

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XII. REFERRALS

Motion to refer "Banning Certificate of Vaccination Identification" to the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Councilor Storey.

Motion died for lack of second.

Point of Order. As a point of order, Ms. Holmes noted that Councilor Storey had provided a public opinion petition to the Clerk's Office to be included in the record. The petition is attached to these minutes. Councilor Rwaganje asked for clarification on the petition process. Ms. Holmes noted that the petition submitted was not a Citizen Initiative/Referendum petition as outlined in the City Charter, but a public opinion petition only, to gauge community support for a topic.

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

Policy on Filling City Council Vacancies

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 8:08pm.

Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Vice President Turcotte.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.