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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 8, 2010

Councilors Present: Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, E. Benet Pols, and Deborah R. Atwood

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Dave Markovchick, Director of Economic Development; Clark Labbe, Fire Chief; John Foster, Public Works Director; Dan Devereaux, Marine Resources Officer; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Dancause, Economic Development Specialist; Denise Clavette, Special Projects Assistant; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew.

Chair King called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Public Comment:

Chris Bell, representing US PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) (a nonprofit research and advocacy organization), announced they will be holding a press conference on the importance of train service at the Train Station tomorrow.

Correspondence:

Chair King spoke on her visit to Mr. Wilson's service learning class and how it was a good experience.

Councilor Tucker spoke about his visit to a third grade class last November.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

To add Item 23 regarding appointments of Council Representatives to committees.

To add an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) relative to negotiations for a tax credit enhancement agreement for the Maine Street Station project.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Update

Manager Brown gave this update.

(A copy of financial reports will be attached to the official minutes.)

(b) Council Committee Updates

Reports were given on the Elementary School Building Committee and the Downtown Master Plan Committee.

(c) Introduction of Special Projects Assistant

Dave Markovchick introduced Denise Clavette as the new Special Projects Assistant. This position is funded primarily by OEA funds and will act as a liaison between the Town and MRRA, along with working on train service issues.

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

(d) Report on Main Street Maine Program

Gregg Farr from the Brunswick Downtown Association and Brian Dancause, Economic Development Specialist, spoke on this item.

Chair King asked a question, to which Mr. Farr responded.

(A copy of Mr. Dancause's memo will be attached to the official minutes.)

(e) (ADDED) Grant Acceptance for Maine Association of Substance Abuse Program

Manager Brown explained the grant.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Knight seconded to, accept and expend grant from Maine Association of Substance Abuse Program in the amount of \$12,000 to assist with reducing illegal drinking. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the email explaining this grant will be attached to the official minutes.)

(f) (ADDED) Update on Providing Freeport Dispatching Services

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Chair King spoke on this.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 16. The Town Council will take public comments for the Brunswick Downtown Development/TIF District, and will take any appropriate action.**

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adopt a Town Council Resolution Approving the Development Program for the Brunswick Downtown Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District.

Councilor Tucker asked for information.

John Eldridge, Finance Director, provided the information

Councilor Perreault asked questions, to which Mr. Eldridge and Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Wilson spoke on this item and asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Chair King asked a question, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Pols asked questions, to which Mr. Eldridge responded.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to table this item until March 1, 2010 meeting.

Councilor Favreau and Councilor Knight spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault spoke on this item and asked questions.

Chair King and Mr. Eldridge responded to his comments.

Councilor Tucker moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to table this item until March 1, 2010 meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Perreault was opposed.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 17. The Town Council will consider a request from Community Ice for a section of the property the Town has requested under Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC) to be used to construct an ice arena, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Jim Morrell, representing Community Ice, spoke on this item. He responded to a question from Chair King.

Councilor Favreau spoke on this item and asked questions, to which Mr. Morrell responded.

Councilor Pols spoke on this item and asked a question, to which Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Tucker asked a question, to which Chair King and Manager Brown responded.

Councilor Wilson spoke on this item.

Chair King spoke in response to Councilor Wilson's comments, along with Mr. Morrell, who commented also.

Councilor Favreau asked a question, to which Chair King and Mr. Farrell responded.

Councilor Watson asked a question, to which Mr. Morrell responded.

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to modify the Public Benefit Conveyance for 4+ acres adjacent to the field house in support of the request from Community Ice, pending a timely recommendation from MRRRA that the project is deemed viable. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of a memo and additional information on this item will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 18. The Town Council will consider adopting an emergency ordinance under Chapter 11 (Marine Activities, Structures and Ways) relative to "marking" ice holes resulting from shellfish harvesting activities, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Wilson spoke on this item.

Councilor Atwood, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Pols, and Councilor Tucker asked questions, to which Officer Devereaux and Councilor Wilson responded.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to adopt an emergency ordinance under Chapter 11 (Marine Activities, Structures and Ways) relative to marking ice holes while shellfish harvesting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to set a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on an ordinance under Chapter 11 (Marine Activities, Structures and Ways) relative to marking ice holes while shellfish harvesting so it can be enacted on a regular basis. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted emergency ordinance will be attached to the official minutes.)

- 19. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on a proposed Road Acceptance Ordinance, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on the proposed Road Acceptance Ordinance. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

20. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on proposed changes to Chapter 14 relative to adding Pinette's Landing to the list of Town parks, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Tucker spoke on this item.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to set a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on proposed changes to Chapter 14 relative to add Pinette's Landing to the list of Town parks. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

21. **The Town Council will discuss the Town Council Goals for 2010, and will determine if future action is necessary.**

Manager Brown spoke on this item and requested the Council get comments back to staff so the goals can be completed at a future meeting.

22. **The Town Council will consider modifying the charge of the Elementary School Building Committee to allow additional citizens to fill vacant positions, and will take any appropriate action.**

Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault indicated his wife is a Chair of the Elementary School Committee.

Councilor Tucker felt this was not a conflict.

Councilor Favreau spoke on this item.

Councilor Pols asked a question, to which Councilor Watson responded.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to modify the charge of the Elementary School Building Committee to allow citizens to fill vacant positions that have specific qualifications. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the revised charge will be attached to the official minutes)

23. **(ADDED) The Town Council will appoint Council Representatives to committees, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair King)**

Chair King appointed Councilor Wilson as Council liaison to the Marine Resource Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the Minutes of January 25, 2010
- (b) Approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2010

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(ADDED) Executive Session: Economic Development Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) relative to negotiations for a tax credit enhancement agreement for the Maine Street Station project. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. THE ENTIRE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.BRUNSWICKME.ORG.

*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
February 10, 2010*

March 1, 2010
Date of Approval

Council Chair