

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
December 21, 2015
7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Daniel E. Harris, Jane F. Millett, Sarah E. Brayman, Katherine E. Wilson, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; Derek Scrapchansky, Assistant Town Manager; Heidi Nelson, Animal Control Officer; Mark Waltz, Police Commander; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Linda Smith, Business Development Manager; Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Byran Cobb, IT Manager; Terry Goan, Police Officer; and TV video crew

Chair Brayman called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk for roll call, acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda – Update on School Board progress on facilities issues added to the Manager’s Report.

Recognition of U12 Girls Soccer team *(This item was discussed at 7:05 p.m.)*

Chair Brayman read a Resolution and members of the U12 Girls Soccer team were recognized by the Council.

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

Recognition of outgoing Councilor Richardson *(This item was discussed at 7:10 p.m.)*

Councilor S. Wilson and Councilor K. Wilson recognized and thanked Councilor Richardson for his service to the Town.

Councilor Richardson thanked his family, Town staff and Councilors.

CONSENT AGENDA *(This item was discussed at 7:15 p.m.)*

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2015**
- b) **Approval of Games of Chance for Knights of Columbus, 2 Columbus Drive**
- c) **Permission for Town offices to close at noon on Christmas Eve**

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

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Public Comments *(This item was discussed at 7:16 p.m.)*

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, said that staff and the Council need to take time to make decisions. He quoted Council rules about postponing votes on an ordinance until the meeting after the public hearing. He spoke about his concern with School staff misleading the Council regarding the need to replace the boiler.

Councilor Harris spoke regarding the inspection of the high school boiler and the School Department's indication they were not required to have a competitive bid process for its replacement. He hopes they delayed action on the contract with Siemen's or the implementation of the work if they already signed.

Correspondence *(This item was discussed at 7:23p.m.)*

Councilor Perreault said it was brought to his attention that Joshua's Restaurant raised over \$11,000 for the Santa Fund and over the years they have raised \$100,000. He thanked them for their work.

Committee Reports *(This item was discussed at 7:24 p.m.)*

A report was given on the Finance Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a) Financial Update *(This item was discussed at 7:54 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

b) Report on the solar project at Recreation Center *(This item was discussed at 7:56 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

(A copy of a memo from Manager Eldridge will be attached to the official minutes.)

c) Report on River Road resident's concerns on vibration *(This item was discussed at 8:00 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

d) Report on NNEPRA layover facility *(This item was discussed at 8:02 p.m.)*

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

Councilor Millett and Councilor K. Wilson spoke regarding this item.

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e) Report on Growstown School repairs (*This item was discussed at 8:05 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

f) Report on Maine Natural Gas rate increase case (*This item was discussed at 8:06 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

g) Report on Cable TV Franchise negotiations (*This item was discussed at 8:09 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge and Councilor Watson provided this report.

h) Report on holiday trash and recycling pick-up schedule (*This item was discussed at 8:10 p.m.*)

Manager Eldridge provided this report.

(Items MR-c through MR-h have one memo summarizing them and will be attached to the official minutes.)

i) ADDED update on School project (*This item was discussed at 7:29 p.m.*)

William Thompson, School Board Chair, spoke regarding this item and responded to questions from Chair Brayman, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Millett, and Councilor Walker.

Councilor S. Wilson, Councilor Millett, Councilor K. Wilson, Chair Brayman, Councilor Richardson, and Councilor Perreault spoke regarding this item.

PUBLIC HEARING

121. The Town Council will hear public comments on an application for a special amusement license, and will take any appropriate action. (Manager) (*This item was discussed at 8:11 p.m.*)

**Special Amusement
Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043
D/B/A: Brunswick Lodge of Elks
179 Park Row**

Ms. Angela Brackett

HEARING/ACTION

Chair Brayman opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item.

Chair Brayman closed the public hearing.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to approve a renewal application for a special amusement license for the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, located at 179 Park Row. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

122. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for January 19, 2016, for amendments to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance regarding changing the domestic chicken licensing period from one to two years at a fee of \$30 per license and requiring only an initial coop inspection, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Brayman and Councilor Walker) *(This item was discussed at 8:13 p.m.*

Chair Brayman and Councilor Walker introduced this item.

Fran Smith answered questions from Councilor K. Wilson, who also spoke on the item.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Millett asked questions, to which Heidi Nelson, Animal Control Officer, responded.

Soxna Dice, 3 Brecken Road, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Walker moved, Councilor Richardson seconded, to set a public hearing for January 19, 2016, for amendments to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance regarding changing the domestic chicken licensing period from one to two years at a fee of \$30 per license and requiring only an initial inspection of the coop. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

123. The Town Council will considering establishing a Race and Gender Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding race and gender issues, and will take any appropriate action. (Chair Brayman) *(This item was discussed at 8:30 p.m.)*

Chair Brayman introduced this item.

Councilor Millett, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Dan Harris, Chair Brayman, Councilor K. Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Walker spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Harris spoke regarding his draft resolution.

Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney, spoke regarding this item.

Councilor K. Wilson moved to adopt a resolution consistent with the Human Rights Act protected classes. This motion was withdrawn before there was a second.

Main Motion

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to adopt the Resolution that is before the Council, with the amendment under the second “Whereas” to include all the protected classes set forth under the Human Right Act, and to adopt the Task Force as written, with the amendment also to be consistent with protected classes under the Human Rights Act.

Chair Brayman asked for any public comment.

Richard Fisco, 2 Lincoln Street, spoke regarding this item.

There was additional Council discussion with Councilor Walker, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Dan Harris and Chair Brayman speaking to the motion.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to remove the last paragraph of the Resolution and have the second to last paragraph end at “the Town of Brunswick” and “be it further” struck out.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to remove the last paragraph of the Resolution and have the second to last paragraph end at “the Town of Brunswick” and “be it further” struck out. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson, and Councilor Millett were opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Councilor K. Wilson moved, Councilor Harris seconded, to adopt the motion as amended, which adopts the Town Council Resolution as amended, and modifies the Task Force to be consistent with the protected classes under the Maine Human Rights Act. The motion carried with six (6) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor S. Wilson and Councilor Millett were opposed.

Chair Brayman appointed Councilor Millett, Councilor K. Wilson, and herself to the Human Rights Task Force.

(A copy of the Resolution and the Task Force charge will be attached to the official minutes.)

Executive Session: Union Negotiations [1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)]

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to go into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 10, 2015

January 19, 2016
Date of Approval

Council Chair