

Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
April 20, 2021
6:30 P.M. – Regular Meeting

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Dan Jenkins Christopher Watkinson, John M. Perreault, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Kate Foye

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julie Henze, Finance Director; Jay Astle, Public Works Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ryan Barnes, Town Engineer; Ken Brilliant, Fire Chief; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; and TV video crew.

Chair Perreault opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed.

Adjustments to Agenda: 59 move that after Manager's Report

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed 6:33 p.m.)*

a) Financial Update

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

b) Cedar Street Park and Ride

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

c) Simpsons Point Project

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

d) Mere Point Boat Launch

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

e) Mere Point Wastewater District

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

f) Solid Waste and Recycling

Manager Eldridge provided this update.

PUBLIC HEARING

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- 54. The Town Council will hear public comments on an alcoholic beverage license, as well as a Special Amusement license, for Wild Oats, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 6:52 p.m.\)*](#)**

Full-Time Vinous & Malt & Special Amusement

**Natural Selection, INC
D/B/A: Wild Oats Bakery and Café
166 Admiral Fitch Avenue**

David Shepherd, Rebecca Shepherd

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, introduced this item and responded to a question from Councilor Watkinson.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve an alcoholic beverage license and a special amusement license for Wild Oats. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

- 55. The Town Council will hear public comments on the 2021-2022 budget and the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) [*\(This item was discussed 7:03 p.m.\)*](#)**

Chair Perreault opened the public hearing.

Manager Eldridge made a presentation on the budget.

Councilor Watkinson asked a question to Manager Eldridge responded.

The following resident spoke
Chris Rogan
Sarah Brayman, 10 McKeen Street
Resident, 47 Ocean Drive

Councilor Mason spoke regarding this item.

Phil Potenziano, Superintendent, made a presentation regarding the budget and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Watson, Councilor Ankeles, and Chair Perreault.

Councilor Wilson and Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

56. **The Town Council will consider an annual proclamation in support of Poem in Your Pocket Day, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed 6:58 p.m.\)*](#)**

This item was done prior to item 55.

Fran Smith introduced this item.

Kathy Koerber, resident, provided information on this item.

Chair Perreault spoke regarding this item.

Manager Eldridge read the proclamation.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt the “Poem in Your Pocket Proclamation” for 2021. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

57. **The Town Council will consider using Coffin School for all voting in the June 8th School Budget Referendum, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) [*\(This item was discussed 8:19 p.m.\)*](#)**

Ms. Smith introduced this question.

Councilor Mason and Councilor Ankeles asked questions to which Ms. Smith responded.

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Watson spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Mason seconded, to allow the use of Coffin School for all voting for the June 8th School Budget Referendum. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watson was opposed.

58. **The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for May 3, 2021 regarding amendments to the Municipal Code -Chapter 10, Sec. 10-26 (b) (14) to clarify the process for licensing the use of public spaces for sales and exhibits, and will take any appropriate action. [*\(This item was discussed 8:26 p.m.\)*](#)**

Manager Eldridge introduced this item, and responded to questions from Councilor Walker.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Wilson spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault move, Councilor Watson seconded, to set a public hearing for May 3, 2021 for proposed amendments to the Municipal Code – Chapter 10, Sec. 10-26 (b) (14) – Sales or exhibits by non-profit organizations on public places. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watkinson was opposed,

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- 59. The Town Council will consider “A Resolution Authorizing Forgiveness of the Advance to the School Department for the Renovation of the Brunswick High School Track Facilities in the Amount of \$638,905.39,” and take any other appropriate action. [\(This item was discussed 6:41 p.m.\)](#)**

This item was done after the Manager’s Report.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson and citizens.

Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Ankeles spoke regarding this item.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing Forgiveness of the Advance to the School Department for the Renovation of the Brunswick High School Track Facilities in the Amount of \$638,905.39.” The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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

CONSENT AGENDA [\(This item was discussed 8:43 p.m.\)](#)

- a) Approval of the minutes of March 15, 2021**

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Chair Perreault moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

[The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.](#)

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
April 27, 2021*

May 17, 2021
Date of Approval

Council Chair