



City of Concord

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers
37 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

1. Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 8:45 P.M.
2. Roll Call.

Present: 14 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Stacey Brown, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Paula McLaughlin, Councilor Karen McNamara, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Erle Pierce, Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins, and Councilor Brent Todd

Excused: 1 - Councilor Nathan Fennessy

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.
4. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

Public Hearings

Action: Mayor Bouley proposed the reading and combining of the agenda items for public hearings, so that members of the public could speak to any item at one time. Members of Council agreed.

Mayor Bouley proposed having Council proceed with the public hearings as the items were written, noting that the Deputy City Manager of Finance would return to the meeting with the revised Resolutions before Council would take action. Members of Council agreed.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing.

Judith Kurtz, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget.

Corey Belobrow, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget.

Mark Cheever, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget.

Allan Herschlag, a Concord resident, endorsed his support for the proposed improvements at Memorial Field, stating that he hoped to see a financial partnership with the School Board to share the cost. Mr. Herschlag stated that he did not support the initiatives of CIP's 107, 235, and 530 regarding improvements of Beaver Meadow Golf Course as he did not believe the Golf Course could meet its debt obligations without impacting the General Fund. Mr. Herschlag thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget.

Judy Fairclough, a Concord resident, endorsed her full support and appreciation for the Beaver Meadow Golf Course and supported City initiatives to make needed improvements to keep it running efficiently.

Anna Krasinski, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget and she endorsed her support of adding another ambulance and increasing E.M.T. staff.

Stephanie Krasinski, a Concord resident, endorsed her support of the City adding an ambulance and increasing E.M.T. staff.

Nicole Fox, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget.

Robert Baker, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 from the City budget and overall planning as he felt the funds could be better spent elsewhere.

Meredith Cooley, a Concord resident, thanked Council for their consideration in removing CIP 40 and for adding an ambulance.

Tracy Bricchi, a Penacook resident, reminded everyone that Penacook was a part of Concord, and thanked those approving members of Council for their support in adding additional hours to the Penacook Library.

There being no additional public testimony, Mayor Bouley closed the public hearing.

5A. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the

City of Concord for the Fiscal Year 2023, ending June 30, 2023, for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds and Diminimis Accounts.

Action: Public testimony was received and recorded.

- 5B. Resolution for the annual capital closeout and repurposing of capital project funds; together with a report from the Senior Accountant.

Action: Public testimony was received and recorded.

- 5C. Resolution appropriating for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) the sum of \$19,433,020 for Capital Projects and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$15,082,000 for various Capital Projects more specifically identified in the budget document.

Action: Public testimony was received and recorded.

- 5D. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, Article 1-5, Fees, Fines, and Penalties, Schedule I, Water and Sewer Use Rates.

Action: Public testimony was received and recorded.

Public Hearing Action

Action: Mayor Bouley noted that the following Council members recused themselves from voting on the following items:

- Mayor Bouley recused from voting on CIP 40 regarding Langley Parkway.
- Councilor Kretovic recused from voting on items related to the Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire and the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.
- Councilor Champlin recused from voting on items related to the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.
- Councilor Brown recused from voting on compensation adjustment lines and items related to the Concord Police Department.
- Councilor Grady Sexton recused from voting on items related to the Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire.
- Councilor Keach recused from voting on items related to the Friendly Kitchen.

6. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the Fiscal Year 2023, ending June 30, 2023, for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds and Diminimis Accounts.

Action: Deputy City Manager of Finance LeBrun presented Council members with the revised Resolution reflecting the approved changes made in the Council work session, resulting in a total General Fund budget of \$74,652,107.

Councilor Nyhan moved approval. This motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

7. Resolution for the annual capital closeout and repurposing of capital project funds; together with a report from the Senior Accountant.

Action: Deputy City Manager of Finance LeBrun presented Council members with the revised Resolution reflecting the approved changes made in the Council work session.

Councilor Nyhan moved approval. This motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

8. Resolution appropriating for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) the sum of \$19,433,020 for Capital Projects and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$15,082,000 for various Capital Projects more specifically identified in the budget document.

Action: Deputy City Manager of Finance LeBrun presented Council members with the revised Resolution reflecting the approved changes made in the Council work session.

City Clerk Bonenfant read the revised document, stating that it was a, "Resolution appropriating for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) the sum of \$18,253,020 for Capital Projects and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$13,902,000 for various Capital Projects more specifically identified in the budget document."

Councilor Kretovic moved approval of the revised Resolution as read. This motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

9. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, Article 1-5, Fees, Fines, and Penalties, Schedule I, Water and Sewer Use Rates.

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. This motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Action: Councilor Rice Hawkins commended Councilor Brown for her boldness, bravery and leadership during her first budget meetings and thanked her for her hard work on Council.

Councilor Brown thanked all members of City Council for making her feel welcome and brave enough to bring items forward. She stated that she was excited to work with everyone, and noted that disagreements and compromise were what made life better for residents.

Mayor Bouley extended his thanks and appreciation to City Manager Aspell and all City staff members for their hard work and efforts putting together a great budget. He extended his thanks and appreciation to members of the Concord community for their participation and engagement as well as to his fellow members of Council for theirs. He reminded everyone that although the budget had increased by 4.8 percent, approximately two percent of the overall budget increase went directly toward the ambulance purchase and its staffing. He reiterated to the community that their voices were heard and that City Council was investing deeply into public safety as a direct response, and stated his belief that the City remained fiscally responsible to its citizens and would continue to be good stewards over their money.

Mayor Bouley proposed Council meeting at 5:30 P.M. in a Non-Public session, on Monday June 13th, to discuss the Manager's contract. Members of Council agreed.

Comments, Requests by the City Manager

Action: City Manager Aspell thanked members of Council for their ongoing communications, noting that they helped staff prepare another successful budget.

Adjournment

Action: Councilor Kretovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 P.M. The motion was duly seconded with no dissenting votes.

A true copy; I attest:

Ashley Hamilton

Deputy City Clerk