



City of Concord

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:00 PM

City Wide Community Center
14 Canterbury Road
Concord, New Hampshire

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: 13 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Nathan Fennessy, Councilor Meredith Hatfield, Councilor Linda Kenison, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Erle Pierce, Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins, Councilor Brent Todd, and Councilor Robert Werner

Excused: 2 - Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, and Councilor Fred Keach

3. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

4. 2020-2021 Priorities Discussion

Action: Mayor Bouley distributed copies of potential 2020-2021 City Council Priorities that he had drafted based on comments/information he had received from other members of City Council in the hopes that the document he drafted would be a good starting point for members of City Council to use to discuss and establish priorities for the next two years.

Members of City Council discussed and set the following items as their top priorities and/or initiatives for 2020 - 2021; information is listed in a non-prioritized order.

Calendar Year 2020 - 2021 Priorities

1. Balanced Budget

- a) Collective Bargaining/Contract Issues
- b) Health Insurance Costs
- c) Capital Financing Alternatives/Storm Water Utility

2. Community-Wide Economic Development Initiatives to Expand Tax Base
 - a) Employment Security
 - b) Opportunity Corridor
 - * Storrs Street Extension
 - * Stickney Avenue
 - * South End Rail Yard
 - c) Exit 17/Whitney Road
 - d) Exit 13
 - e) Housing

3. Public Safety Work
 - a) Opioid/Substance Abuse
 - b) Community Policing
 - c) Working with School Districts
 - e) Recruitment to accomplish full complement

4. Public Information, Marketing & Communications
 - a) Overall Economic Development
 - b) Concord Community Television
 - c) Concord School District/Merrimack Valley School District

5. Working with State and Federal Government
 - a) Transportation with NHDOT
 - * I-93
 - * Exit 17
 - b) Department of Justice/Garages
 - c) Stickney Avenue

6. Enhanced Community Events/Arts
 - a) Promote community events with community partners
 - b) Creative Concord

7. Sustainability Initiatives
 - a) Form Based Code
 - b) Street Light Re-lamping
 - c) Renewable Energy & Conservation
 - d) Recycling

8. Recreation & Parks
 - a) Athletic Fields
 - b) Terrill Park
 - c) Merrimack River Greenway Trail
 - d) City Trail System

Ongoing Initiatives

1. Former Tannery Site/Park
2. Enhanced Neighborhood Street Programs

There was unanimous agreement for the need of a Project Manager position. In regards to the housing subgoal, there was discussion of the need for more affordable housing and housing overall in all sectors of the market.

5. Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Council.
6. Comments, Requests by the City Manager.
7. Adjournment

The time being 9:00 p.m. Councilor Nyhan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

A true copy: I attest:

*Janice Bonenfant
City Clerk*