



City of Concord

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
37 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: 13 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Mark Coen, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Allan Herschlag, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Linda Kenison, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Brent Todd, Councilor Robert Werner, and Zandra Rice Hawkins

Excused: 1 - Councilor Byron Champlin

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

4. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

Consent Agenda Items

Public Hearings

- 5A. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the Fiscal Year 2020 ending June 30, 2020 for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds and Diminimis Accounts.

Action: There being no Council objection, City Clerk Janice Bonenfant read the titles together.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearings for items A through F. He indicated that they will be recessing the hearings and taking further testimony on June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Public Testimony

Craig Greenman, Maple Street resident, noted his concern with the hardship that

tax increases have on residents. He is not opposed to taxes or government because he enjoys having the stability of government but feels that this is a progressive issue because there are a number of people within the city that are having a hard time affording. Referencing the increase in the Police Department budget, he believes that Concord is over-policed and that the Police Department is over-budgeted. He highlighted the voters and their differences that showed up to vote last Tuesday pointing out that some don't feel that they count; the ones that don't feel like they count tell individual stories about their lives. He feels that, as a city government, they are having a hard time hearing some of the stories with the city budget being an example. He pointed out that ninety percent of Ward Four did not vote and feels that this should affect the Council and affect the way that they are crafting this budget.

Councilor Coen stated that approximately thirty three percent of the total tax goes to the municipal side; one-third of it the city controls and two-thirds they don't.

Roy Schweiker, resident, feels that the city needs to consider more of a seven day a week operation referencing the Library, Parking Enforcement, the community center and the highway department. He feels that the leaf collection program is inefficient and feels that the city should do leaf collection in blocks or segments so that its easier for residents to figure out. He noted his concern in regards to the growth and population within the city. Lastly, he doesn't feel that the city should support a particular religious denomination or a particular ethnic group.

J. Richard Jaques Sr., Penacook Community Center Executive Director, thanked the Mayor, the City Manager and City Council for their continued support. He noted that the funds that the center receives from the city allows them to ensure that those living in their community have opportunities to engage in ways that are meaningful to them. He stated that the funds received from the city supports their ability to provide scholarships and high quality programs. (Written testimony on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Councilor Keach inquired as to what other communities are served, besides Penacook. Mr. Jaques responded that they service seven to eight different towns outside of Concord. Councilor Keach questioned whether the community center receives any funding from any of the other communities. Mr. Jaques replied that they do - \$5,800 per year from Boscawen and \$500 per year from Webster. He added that most of their participants do come from Concord and Penacook.

There being no further public testimony, public hearings A through F were recessed until June 17th.

Mayor Bouley indicated that Council will be having a work session prior to the June 17th Council meeting. He announced that they will be holding a non-public session on June 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the City Manager's contract.

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

Action: Public hearing for this item held with item A. Public hearing recessed until June 17, 2019.

- 5C. Resolution authorizing and appropriating for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019) the sum of \$14,945,128 for Capital Projects and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$11,857,500 for various Capital Projects more specifically identified in the budget document.

Action: Public hearing for this item held with item A. Public hearing recessed until June 17, 2019.

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

Action: Public hearing for this item held with item A. Public hearing recessed until June 17, 2019.

- 5E. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-3, Parking Meters and Schedule X; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects.

Action: Public hearing for this item held with item A. Public hearing recessed until June 17, 2019.

- 5F. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking and Schedule XXI, by amending Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 18-1-24, Parking - Law Enforcement Vehicles; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects.

Action: Public hearing for this item held with item A. Public hearing recessed until June 17, 2019.

Public Hearing Action

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Action: Action to be taken at the June 17, 2019 City Council meeting.

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Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Councilor Coen indicated that someone came up to him and asked him why senior management has free golf privileges at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course indicating

that he heard this comment on television. He pointed out that this was stated facetious when it was made at that time by a Councilor. He noted that this points out how important tv is, what's written in the paper, and the statements they make at the Council table. Some may see it as a "joke" but others may view it as serious and emphasized that some things that are said can really make an impact on people.

Comments, Requests by the City Manager

Consideration of Suspense Items

Adjournment

The time being 7:40 p.m., Councilor Keach moved to recess the meeting until June 17th. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

A true copy; I attest:

*Michelle Mulholland
Deputy City Clerk*

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