

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, October 17, 2001 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Banks, James, Blake, Wyman, Hayden, Rogers, Reed and Chairman Hall

Absent: Councilor Tibbetts

Also Present: City Manager Bubier, City Solicitor Therriault and City Clerk White

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk White called the Roll.

I. Public Hearing - Ordinance: LUC Zoning Map Amendment Change Zoning from R1 to R2 on a parcel of land on the east side of Oak Grove Avenue [tax map 19, lot 6] - Second Passage - 7:01 PM #82

Chairman Hall read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bath, as part of the adoption of the Bath Land Use Code on July 19, 2000, effective August 9, 2000, depicted the boundaries of all Land Use Districts on a Zoning Map of the City of Bath, also dated July 19, 2000, incorporated by reference into the Land Use Code pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.02 of the said Code, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that the boundaries of the Land Use Districts be, from time to time, adjusted and amended, in order to create new Districts and adjust boundary lines of existing Districts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the Zoning Map of the City of Bath, dated July 19, 2000, be and hereby is amended in accordance with the Sketch Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof. This change shall be incorporated into and be part of the official Zoning Map of the City of Bath. The specific adjustment is:

1. Changing the zoning on a parcel of land on the east side of Oak Grove Avenue (Tax Map 19, Lot 6) from R1 Zone to R2 Zone.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor Wyman to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion.

Chairman Hall asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote on the Ordinance:

Yeas: Banks, James, Blake, Wyman, Hayden, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Ordinance Passed Unanimously 7-0

Chairman Hall stated that this Ordinance would become effective in 21 days.

II. Public Hearing - Ordinance: Amendment Chapter 3, Advertising Article 2. Signs, Sections 3.203/3.205/3.206/3-306 - Second Passage - 7:06 PM #172

Motion by Councilor Blake to waive the reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Reed. All in favor.

A complete copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Agenda materials for October 17, 2001 in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor Banks to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion.

The City Planner explained the need for this amendment to the Sign Ordinance.

Chairman Hall asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance:

Yeas: Banks, James, Blake, Wyman, Hayden, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Ordinance Passed Unanimously 7-0

Chairman Hall stated that this would become effective in 21 days.

III. Public Hearing - Ordinance: Chapter 5. Businesses, Article 6. Taxicabs, Sections 5-42 through 5-50 - Second Passage - 7:13 PM #354

Motion by Councilor Rogers to waive the reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Blake. All in favor.

A complete copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Agenda materials for October 17, 2001 in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor Rogers to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion.

Ralph Drew of Drew's Taxi spoke to the Council regarding some items in the Ordinance he would like clarification on. Some items addressed were: limousines and vans for BIW to be included; fees for transport of personal property; licenses and insurance fees; illumination of license; discrimination of picking up fares; labeling of vehicles and vehicle appearance.

Dean Blake of Bath Taxi spoke to the Council regarding the following items: number of anticipated employees; statement of health of drivers; removal of vehicle from service; photo identification and rate card.

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the items brought up by the taxi companies' representatives.

Motion by Councilor Reed that in Section 5-47 (C) the words "and shall be illuminated so that" be deleted from the Ordinance, second by Councilor Blake.

Roll Call on Motion:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 1

VOTE: Motion Passed 6-1

Motion by Councilor Banks to table the Ordinance until Council changes can be made and then brought

back to Council for passage, second by Councilor Blake. All in favor.

Chairman Hall directed the City Solicitor, the City Clerk and the Police Chief to meet with representatives of each of the cab companies operating in Bath and make the changes to the Ordinance and licensing process. When that meeting has been completed, the Ordinance will come back to Council for passage.

IV. Ordinance: Chapter 8A. General Assistance - 8:55 PM #3697

Chairman Hall read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BATH, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 8A. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Delete appendices to the Ordinance dealing with maximum allowances and replace with newly attached allowance appendices, Appendix A - Total Allowed GA Maximums, Appendix B - Food Maximums, Appendix C - Housing Maximums. Maximums shall be effective as of October 1, 2001.

Motion by Councilor Hayden, second by Councilor Wyman to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion.

The City Manager addressed Council regarding a rent rate survey he had conducted comparing the Bangor, Augusta and Bath areas.

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance First Passage:

Yeas: Banks, James, Blake, Wyman, Hayden

Nays: Rogers, Reed

VOTE: Ordinance Passed 5-2

Chairman Hall set second passage of this Ordinance for November 7, 2001 at 7:01PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM with a motion made by Councilor Wyman and second by Councilor Banks. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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