

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine  
Wednesday, April 3, 2002 7:00pm  
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

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

Also in attendance were the City Manager - John Bubier, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and City Clerk - Mary White.

Chairman Wyman opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

**C. Public Hearings: Ordinance - Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions, Washington Street (East Side) - Second Passage**  
7:02 PM #83

Chairman Wyman 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 17. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking

Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions

Washington Street East Side

Delete the portion of the present Ordinance indicated as lined out:

From a point 75 feet south of hydrant #19 located southerly and across from Hinckley Street, and running 60 feet northerly, one hour parking

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

**VOTE: on the Ordinance:**

**Yeas:** Hall; Banks; James; Blake; Hart; Tibbetts; Rogers; Reed

**Nays:** None

**VOTE: Ordinance Passed Unanimously 8-0**

Chairman Wyman stated that the Ordinance would become effective in 21 days.

**D. Consent Agenda: 7:07 PM #187**

Under the Consent Agenda, the Minutes for the March 6 and 20, 2002 Council Meeting were motioned for acceptance by Councilor Blake and seconded by Councilor Banks.

**VOTE on Consent Agenda:**

**Yeas:** 8

**Nays:** 0  
Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

**E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council:** 7:08 PM #203

No one from the public spoke at this time.

**F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders:** 7:08 PM

**Item F3 - Order: Approving Transfer Fire Department Capital Accounts** #211

Chairman Wyman read the following Order:

**ORDER**  
**Approving Transfer**  
**Fire Department Capital Accounts**

Be It Hereby Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, pursuant to Section 611 (D) of the Charter of the City of Bath, that the transfer of the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$6,138.75) from Fire Alarm System Improvement Capital Account FD05-579 in the Fire Building Improvement Capital Account FD05-595, be and hereby is approved.

Motion by Councilor Hart, second by Councilor Reed to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

**VOTE: on the Order:**

**Yeas:** 8

**Nays:** 0

**VOTE: Order Passed Unanimously** 8-0

**G. Petitions & Communications** 7:09 PM #276

Chairman Wyman stated that an Application for Pole Location from Verizon New England, Inc. and Central Maine Power Company had been submitted.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor Blake to put this application on the floor for discussion.

**VOTE: on the Application:**

**Yeas:** 7

**Nays:** 0

**VOTE: Order Passed Unanimously** 7-0\*

\* Councilor Rogers was absent from the Vote.

**H. City Manager's Report:** 7:14 PM #409

City Manager Bubier spoke on the following items:

- Met with Main Street Committee
- Meeting with Pam Bessey, Adult Education Director for Bailey Evening School
- River Jam 2002 on May 5
- Bath Bicycle Road Race May 5
- Bath City-wide Yard Sale for the weekend of May 4-5
- Legislative Policy Committee Meeting on Tax Reform
- Bath Food Bank relocation
- Farmers' Market
- Centre Street Project

- Southend Park Project
- School Department/City monthly meeting
- MCBEDE Board Meeting
- Finalization of Mid Coast Center for Higher Learning Design
- Labor Contract Negotiations
- Congratulations to Officer Dan Couture for being named “Officer of the Year” by the American Legion
- Sympathy to the Ken Young Family on the loss of their son Louis

**I. Committee Reports: 7:22 PM #667**

Chairman Wyman stated that the Skateboard Committee is still waiting to hear from the insurance company on a quote but should be reporting back to Council regarding this matter very soon.

**J. Old Business: 7:23 PM #682**

There was no Old Business.

**K. New Business: 7:24 PM #685**

**5) Appointment of Councilor Hart to the Main Street Committee.**

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Reed to appoint Councilor Hart to the Main Street Committee.

**VOTE: on the Appointment:**

**Yeas: 7**

**Nays: 1**

**VOTE: Appointment Passed 7-1**

Councilor James stated the Sagadahoc County Budget Hearing would be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at 6:30 PM in the Superior Court Room of the Sagadahoc County Court House.

**6) Acceptance of the City Council Goals for 2002.**

Chairman Wyman read the following goals:

Goals

- Minimize Taxes - City Council
- Review City Charter for possible changes
- Selling Services to other communities
- Regionalize Recreation Department with other communities
- Make City more Customer Service oriented (possible Thursday nights {open until 7PM or 8PM} or Saturdays)
- Bring in Hannaford Bros.
- Push Hotel project on Waterfront
- Work City owned property back to tax roll
- Continue Study of Route One Master Plan
- Monitor Potential use of Old YMCA building
- More support for youth activities
- Continue support of implementation of Waterfront Master Plan
- Regionalize selected services

- Work with schools on regionalization

Workshops

- Charter
- Combining of Offices (City Clerk/Treasurer)

Motion by Councilor James, second by Councilor Hart to put this item on the floor for discussion.

Motion by Councilor Rogers to amend the goals by adding “Conduct a study/review of the level and delivery of present and future City services”, second by Councilor Hall.

**VOTE: on the Amendment:**

**Yeas:** 8

**Nays:** 0

**VOTE: Amendment Passed 8-0**

**VOTE: on the Amended Goals:**

**Yeas:** 8

**Nays:** 0

**VOTE: Amended Goals Passed 8-0**

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Banks to go into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. All in favor.

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor James to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM with a motion made by Councilor Blake and seconded by Councilor Banks. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary J. White, City Clerk

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