

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, April 21, 2004 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Hall, Quimby, Blake, Wyman, Hart, Daigle, Rogers, Mitchell and Chairman Winglass

Also Present: City Manager John Bubier, Acting City Solicitor Michael Therriault and City Clerk Mary White

Chairman Winglass called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk White called the Roll.

Chairman Winglass announced the Workshop scheduled for the evening would be postponed to a later date.

Chairman Winglass opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Charter Amendment to increase the number of members on the Bath Board of Education. #97

Paul Johnson of 410 Washington Street, a member of the Board of Education, spoke against this change to expand the number of members to the Board.

Chairman Winglass closed the Public Hearing.

I. Order: Vote on Charter Amendment to increase number of members of the Bath Board of Education. 6:12 PM # 338

Chairman Winglass read the following Order:

ORDER FOR VOTE ON CHARTER AMENDMENT

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE SAID CITY COUNCIL, BEING THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF SAID CITY, AND HAVING HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BATH, AND HAVING DETERMINED THAT THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, DOES HEREBY ORDER THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS ORDER, BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT A MUNICIPAL ELECTION BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8th, 2004, SAID ELECTION DATE BEING MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDER.

A complete copy of the ballot text is on file in the Bath City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor Daigle, second by Councilor Quimby to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

Paul Johnson stated some of the issues the Board does and doesn't have control over.

Katherine McClellan of 708 Washington Street stated she would like to see more parental involvement in the schools.

Motion by Councilor Hall to change the text of the charter change by deleting any reference to designated wards and to reduce the number from 9 members to 6 elected at large and 1 from City Council, seconded by Councilor Rogers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO
TEXT OF QUESTION ATTACHED TO ORDER:**

Yeas: Hall, Rogers

Nays: Quimby, Blake, Wyman, Hart, Daigle, Rogers, Mitchell

AMENDMENT Failed 2-6

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORDER:

Yeas: Quimby, Blake, Hart, Daigle, Rogers, Mitchell

Nays: Hall, Wyman

ORDER Passed 6-2

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM with a motion made by Councilor Wyman and second by Councilor Quimby. All in Favor

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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