

City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, May 19, 2004 6:00 pm
Bath City Hall Auditorium

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

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

Chairman Winglass opened the meeting at 6:53 PM.

I. Public Hearing: CDBG FY 2004 Business Assistance Program Application to DECD regarding the proposed Maine Monolite development manufacturing facility that would provide at least 40 new jobs. 6:54 PM #

Chairman Winglass opened the Public Hearing.

Al Smith, CDBG Coordinator, explained that this is a resubmission of an application for the Monolite project. He introduced Anthony Burich, Managing Member of Monolite. Mr. Burich explained that the reasons this was a resubmission is that more specific information was requested and the data needed to be more up to date. Both of these requirements have now been met. He thanked the Council for their support and asked them to continue to do so.

Chairman Winglass closed the public hearing.

The Council agreed unanimously to give continued support for the project.

II. Resolution: Approving Maine Monolite CDBG Business Assistance Program Application. 7:10 PM #171

Chairman Winglass read the following Resolution:

City of Bath, Maine
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Bath wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Small Cities Block Grant to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the City of Bath has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic and Community Development has established the Business Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bath that John D. Bubier, it's City Manager:

- 1 Is authorized and directed to submit a Community Development Block Grant Business Assistance Application to the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of Maine Monolite, LLC to assist in the establishment of a composite Manufacturing facility and the creation of new employment opportunities, substantially in the form presented to this Council;

- 2 Is authorized to make such assurances on behalf of the City of Bath required as part of such applications; and
- 3 Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds, to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program, consistent with the Charter of the City of Bath and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

Signed this 19th day of May, 2004 on behalf of the City Council of Bath.

Motion by Councilor Daigle, second by Councilor Blake to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion.

Vote on Resolution:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Resolution Passed Unanimously 7-0

III. Public Hearing: CDBG Application on the receiving of funds from DECD for the demolition of the Praver Building and former gas station building at the site known as the Praver Block. 7:14 PM #214

Chairman Winglass opened the public hearing.

Al Smith, CDBG Coordinator, answered questions regarding the potential environmental issues and the recycling of materials from the demolition.

Chairman Winglass closed the public hearing.

IV. Resolution: Approving the application process for Municipal Investment Trust Funds to address slum and blight conditions at the Praver Block. 7:24 PM #320

Motion by Councilor Mitchell, second by Councilor Blake to waive the reading of the Resolution.

Vote on the Waiving of the Reading:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 1 (Hall)

Waiving of the Reading Passed 6-1

Motion by Councilor Mitchell, second by Councilor Daigle to put the following Resolution on the floor for discussion.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT TRUST FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Bath wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant Program funds to carry out community development programs;

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bath that the City Manager:

1. Is authorized and directed to submit an applications for Municipal Investment Trust Fund in the amount of \$120,000: to address slum and blight conditions at the Praver Block by demolishing the Praver Building and the former gas station. This application will be submitted to the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the City of Bath, substantially in the form presented to this council.
2. Is authorized to make such assurances on behalf of the City of Bath required as part of such applications; and
3. Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program(s), consistent with the Charter of the City of Bath and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

Signed this 19th day of May 2004 on behalf of the City Council of Bath.

Councilor Hall asked if there was an agreement in place, for the record, that allows the City of Bath to apply for a grant to teardown a building on property the City does not yet own. He was assured that the paperwork would be in place prior to any action taken.

Vote on Resolution:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Resolution Passed Unanimously 7-0

Chairman Winglass pulled the following two items from the agenda because the applicant did not have the information ready.

V. Public Hearing: CDBG Application Program on the receiving of Development Fund for InspireME.

VI. Resolution: Approving the application process for Development Fund Application on behalf of the InspireME.

VII. Order: Approving the Posting of the State Primary/Referendum Election Warrant. 7:40 PM #207 Side 2

Chairman Winglass read the following Order:

Order

In City Council
May 19, 2004

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

That, the Notice of State of Maine Primary/Referendum Election be prepared and issued to notify and summons the inhabitants of the City of Bath, qualified to vote, that the State of Maine Primary/Referendum Election will be held at their respective Ward Rooms (1-7 inclusive), on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 for the purpose of determining the following questions:

To determine:

Candidates in the Republican/Democratic/Green Independent Parties

STATE OFFICES:

Representative to Congress: District 1
State Senate - District 19
Representative to the Legislature - Districts 62 and 65

COUNTY OFFICES:

Judge of Probate
Register of Probate
Sheriff

(1) One Referendum Question.

Absentee Ballots shall be processed Election Day at 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm and 8:00pm.

The polls shall be opened at 9:00am and closed at 8:00pm.

Motion by Councilor Hart, second by Councilor Daigle to put this Order on the floor for discussion. All in favor.

Vote on Order:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Order Passed Unanimously 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM with a motion by Councilor Mitchell, second by Councilor Daigle. All in favor.

Attested:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

Please note: These minutes are not recorded verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available for review in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours.