

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall**

Present: Councilors Brackett, Page, Paulhus, Wyman, Bauer, Mitchell, Omo and Madame Chair Eosco.

Also in attendance were the City Manager – William Giroux, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and City Clerk - Mary White.

Madame Chair Eosco led the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

Arielle Leeman sang her rendition of the National Anthem

C. Public Hearings 6:03 PM

1) A Municipal Approval – Vessels, Liquor License for the American Cruise Lines, Inc. of Guildford, CT with contact person Susan K. Renner, CPA.

City Solicitor Roger Therriault explained this was a State Regulation that the cruise ships need approval from the municipalities in order to sell liquor while at dock.

Councilor Omo made a motion to put this item on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

NOTICE

THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BATH WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVING:

The **MUNICIPAL APPROVAL – VESSELS LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION** FOR:

**American Cruise Lines, Inc.
Susan K. Renner, CPA, Contact Person**

SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.** IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, AT CITY HALL, BATH, MAINE, AND ALL PERSON(S) MAY APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID APPLICATIONS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the Public Hearing for comment. Seeing none, she closed the Public Hearing.

VOTE:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: None

License Passed Unanimously. 7-0

2) Ordinance: Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking. Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions - High Street (Winnegance) (Second Passage)

Councilor Omo made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Council Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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

High Street West Side:

Delete: From the West Bath line to Richardson Street, no parking.

Add: From the West Bath town line to the southerly line of Lot 19-1 on Tax Map 45, no parking. From the southerly line of Lot 19-1 to the Winnegance Store Entrance, 2 hour parking. From the Winnegance Store Entrance to the driveway entrance to Lot 21 on Tax Map 45, no parking. From North of the driveway entrance to Lot 21 on Tax Map 45 to the North Line of Lot 21 on Tax Map 45, 2 hour Parking. From the North Line of Lot 21 on Tax Map 45 to Richardson Street, no parking.

High Street East Side:

Delete: From West Bath town line to Pine Street, no parking.

Add: From the West Bath town line to the Southern end of the East Side of the traffic median located between High Street and Bridge Street, no parking. From the Southern end on the East side of the traffic median between High Street and Bridge Street to the Northern end of the traffic median, 2 hour parking. From the Northern end of the East side of the traffic median to Pine Street, no parking.

Councilor Omo made a motion to put this item on the floor for discussion. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

Police Chief Michael Field explained that this change was being put forth by the Parking and Transportation Committee after meetings with neighbors, business and other interested persons.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Brackett, Page, Paulhus, Wyman, Bauer, Mitchell, Omo

NAYS: None

Ordinance Passed Unanimously. 7-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

3) Ordinance: Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking. Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions – Commercial Street (Hampton Inn) (Second Passage)

Councilor Omo made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Council Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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

Commercial Street West Side:

Delete: From Summer Street to Front Street, No Parking.

Add: From the North Side of Summer Street running 186 feet, No Parking. From a point 186 feet North of Summer Street to a point 319 feet North of Summer Street, 4 hour Parking. From a point 319 feet North of Summer Street to Front Street, No Parking.

Commercial Street East Side:

Delete: From a point 170 feet North of the northerly side of Summer Street and running North 275 feet, 4 hour parking. From a point 445 feet North of the northerly side of Summer Street to Front Street, No Parking.

Add: From a point 170 feet North of the northerly side of Summer Street to Front Street, No Parking.

Councilor Omo made a motion to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

Police Chief Michael Field explained that the Parking & Transportation Committee and City Staff had met with the neighbors and recommends this Ordinance change.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no public comment, she closed the Public Hearing portion of this item.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Omo, Mitchell, Bauer, Wyman, Paulhus, Page, Brackett

NAYS: None

Ordinance Passed Unanimously. 7-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

4) Ordinance: Chapter 17. Vehicles and Traffic, Article 6. Stopping, Standing and Parking. Section 17-259. Parking Restrictions – Front Street (Hampton Inn) (Second Passage)

Councilor Omo made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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

Front Street East Side:

Delete: From a point 39 feet north of the said fire hydrant to Bowery Street, no parking. (4/4/12)

Add: From a point 39 feet north of the said fire hydrant to Summer Street, No Parking. From the North side of Summer Street running North 310 feet, No Parking. From a point 310 feet North of Summer Street to a point 430 feet North of Summer Street, 4 hour Parking. From a point 430 feet North of Summer Street to Bowery Street, No Parking.

Councilor Omo made a motion to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

Police Chief Michael Field gave details of the parking areas and said that this is recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee.

Madame Chair Eosco opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no public comment, she closed the Public Hearing portion of this item.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Brackett, Page, Paulhus, Wyman, Bauer, Mitchell, Omo

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 7-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

D) Consent Agenda 6:10 PM

5*) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2015, and Special Council Meeting on June 10, 2015. (Motion to Accept as Presented)

Councilor Mitchell made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council 6:11PM

No one spoke at this time.

F. Orders, Resolutions and Ordinances 6:11 PM

6) Order: Adopting Bath Housing Assessment and Goals Addressing Housing Revitalization

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Order:

**ORDER ADOPTING
BATH HOUSING ASSESSMENT AND GOALS
ADDRESSING HOUSING REVITALIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Bath Housing Authority commissioned Planning Decisions, Inc. (PDI) to prepare a comprehensive study addressing the issue of housing in Bath and the Bath area; and

WHEREAS, the study focused on the history of housing and also the future of housing in the Bath market; and

WHEREAS, the study has investigated and reported on a number of demographics that inform us as to the nature of the local housing market; and

WHEREAS, the study has identified a number of unique factors regarding the local housing market including, but not limited to, such factors as the age of occupants and nature of occupancies, conditions of structures, availability of housing, and market and employment data; and

WHEREAS, the report has identified, as well, a number of advantages to living in Bath; and

WHEREAS, the study has also identified opportunities for housing revitalization in the City of Bath; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee has reviewed the plan and recommends that the City Council adopt the plan as the Bath Area Housing Assessment; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the plan is available at the Bath City Clerk's Office and a copy of the Executive Summary is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the plan has identified eight locations that are suitable for development and would serve as housing sites; and

WHEREAS, a list of those sites, together with an aerial map showing their location, is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee has reviewed the Bath Housing Assessment Plan in detail and has recommended that the City adopt the following goals toward plan implementation and housing revitalization:

1. Develop meaningful policies that aim toward rehabilitating and/or repurposing vacant foreclosures, tax acquired properties and neighborhood spot blight, in order to improve Bath's current housing stock, positively impacting neighborhood culture, and restoring taxable value on delinquent properties.
2. Over the next 10 years, work toward rehabilitating existing residential units, or those that could be converted to residential units, so as to meet their highest and best use. Additionally, work to encourage the expansion of natural gas and other alternative energy sources throughout neighborhoods in Bath, in order to conserve energy and reduce costs.
3. Apply best practices to assure that Bath's aging and disabled population can live comfortably in affordable residences, while managing maintenance burdens and safety concerns.
4. Strive for housing stability by identifying supply and demand needs, gauging the quality of Bath's housing stock, identifying potential development parcels, such as those outlined on page 54 (Attached) of the Bath Area Housing Assessment, and developing such parcels.
5. Support the construction of new residential units over the next 20 years that appropriately match the needs and restrictions of Bath's future users.
6. Continue to develop Bath's community brand

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the Bath Area Housing Assessment be adopted as the Bath area housing assessment for the City of Bath and that the goals and objectives for housing revitalization and implementation of the assessment, as proposed by the Bath Community Development Committee listed above, be and hereby are adopted.

Councilor Omo made a motion to put this Order on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

Community Development Director Scott LaFlamme explained this Bath Area Housing Assessment document would be used for future policy goals for development in Bath and was drafted by the Bath Community Development Committee.

VOTE:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

Order Passed Unanimously. 7-0

G. Petitions & Communications 6:17 PM

There were no petitions or communications.

H. City Manager's Report 6:17 PM

Public Works Director Peter Owen gave an overview of summer road projects.

7) "Solarize Bath" Program by Community Development Director Scott LaFlamme

Mr. LaFlamme stated that the City Staff had been looking into programs that would encourage the development of alternative energies in the City. He said the focus of Staff was on a bulk purchase option of solar energy on a City-wide level. Mr. LaFlamme asked the Council to let him know if they would like City Staff to continue with this program or look into other alternatives. He then explained what the process would be for continuing with the research of this program and said the City would be working with the Town of Brunswick on the bulk purchasing of solar energy and public education regarding the program.

Councilors expressed interest in continuing with this process.

I. Committee Reports 6:33 PM

Councilor Omo reported that the Bike and Pedestrian Committee was working on an assessment of the City sidewalk's conditions.

Councilor Omo reported that the RSU #1 Redistricting Committee has received approval on their redistricting plan and he gave an overview of the new plan details.

J. Unfinished Business 6:36 PM

There was no unfinished business.

K. New Business 6:36 PM

8) Appointment of two members to the Board of Assessment Review with terms ending in July 2018.

On behalf of the Appointments Committee, Councilor Mitchell nominated Bruce Goodwin and Harold Sonia Jr. for these positions. All were in favor of the nominations.

L. Councilor Announcements 6:37 PM

Councilor Brackett reported that in response to the water damage to the home of Joanne Adams caused by a water main breakage last Fall, Representative Jennifer DeChant had put forth two Bills in the Legislature. The first Bill would have required home homeowners insurance or municipal insurance to cover water damage from such an incident and the second would have allowed the Water District to have a “Good Will Fund” to help in these instances. Both bills died in session. He commended the Bath Water District Superintendent Trevor Hunt, Representative DeChant, the community, contractors and plumbers for their support of Ms. Adams in her time of need.

Madame Chair Eosco reminded everyone that the Bath Heritage Days festivities would be taking place Thursday through Sunday and encouraged the public to come and enjoy all the festivities that were being offered.

Councilor Omo made a motion at 6:42 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Real Estate Matter per 1 MRSA §405(6)(C)(Tarbox Street Map 34, Lot 12). Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilor Omo made a motion at 6:54 PM to come out of Executive Session. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM with a motion by Councilor Omo, seconded by Councilor Brackett. All were in favor of the adjournment.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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