

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 5:15 PM
City Council Chambers

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Chair Baldacci, Councilor Plourde, Councilor Graham, and Councilor Nealley

City Staff Present: Tanya Emery, Cathy Conlow, Paul Nicklas, Steve Bolduc, and Tyler Collins

Chair Baldacci called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. **REFERRAL – ORDINANCE 15-330, Amending Chapter 23, Boards, Committees and Commissions, of the Code of the City of Bangor, By Amending the Membership of the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee**

Assistant City Solicitor Paul Nicklas explained that this item was referred to the Committee for discussion. This Ordinance would change the membership of the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee by removing two City staff members from the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee and replace them with a downtown resident and a downtown business owner/manager.

Committee Members discussed whether an appointment should be a Bangor resident. Councilor Nealley moved to recommend the Ordinance. Councilor Plourde seconded the motion.

Dave Giroux, a Brewer resident who owns several properties in Bangor, indicated that having only Bangor residents would not help those people who own real estate in Bangor.

Councilor Graham asked whether or not the Committee would be assigned a Staff member. City Manager Cathy Conlow indicated that all Committees appointed by the City Council are assigned a Staff person. The Staff person is not specifically indicated in the Ordinance as this would give flexibility for Staff assignment.

It was the consensus of the Committee that their recommendation for the make-up of the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee would be to increase the membership from five members to seven members as follows: 1 Member a City Councilor who would serve as Committee Chair; 1 Member who resides within the Downtown Parking Management District; 1 Member a City resident with

preference given to one who resides outside of the Downtown Parking Management District; 1 Member who is the owner or manager of a business within the Downtown Parking Management District; 1 Member who owns property in the City of Bangor; and two Members of the Downtown Bangor Partnership Board of Directors.

Councilor Nealley moved the Ordinance, to include the Committee's recommendation. Councilor Plourde seconded the motion, as amended. It was a vote as it was not doubted.

2. Parking on Union Street Beneath the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Bridge

Assistant City Solicitor Nicklas explained that two businesses approached the City requesting that nine of the 17 existing parking spaces beneath the Joshua Chamber Bridge be changed from permit parking spaces to four hour parking spaces. Since that time the two businesses have contacted the City indicating that they would prefer that all 17 spaces in this location be changed to four hour parking. To do this, an amendment to the Downtown Parking Management District map would be required. Staff recommended approval.

Councilor Plourde moved Staff recommendation. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. The motion passed as it was not doubted.

3. Donation to ARTober from the University of Maine Humanities Center

Tanya Emery, Director of Community and Economic Development, indicated that this is to formalize the acceptance of a \$250.00 donation from the University of Maine's Humanities Center to support ARTober. Staff recommended acceptance of the donation.

Councilor Plourde moved Staff recommendation. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. The motion passed as it was not doubted.

4. Amendment to the Lease Agreement with FGS/CMT, Inc.

Steve Bolduc, Economic Development Officer, explained that this is a renewal/extension of a long standing lease for another three year term. The only change to the lease will be that it be extended for three more years and the lease rate will increase yearly over that period of time. Staff recommended approval.

Councilor Graham moved Staff recommendation. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. The motion passed as it was not doubted.

5. Executive Session – Economic Development – Property Disposition – 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)

Councilor Nealley moved to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). The motion was seconded by Councilor Graham and passed unanimously.

6. Committee Action on Above Item

No action was taken on this item.

7. Executive Session – Economic Development – Parking Agreement – 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)

Councilor Nealley moved to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

8. Committee Action on Above Item

The Committee moved and seconded a motion to approve Staff recommendation. It was a vote as it was not doubted.

9. Executive Session – Economic Development – Lease Negotiations – 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)

Councilor Graham moved to enter Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). The motion was seconded by Councilor Plourde and passed unanimously.

10. Committee Action on Above Item

The Committee moved and seconded a motion to approve Staff recommendation. The motion passed as it was not doubted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.