

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 22, 2015

Councilors Attending: Civiello, Blanchette, Sprague, Plourde, Durgin, Graham

Staff Attending: Conlow, Farrar, Comstock

Others Attending: Local media

Chair Civiello called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

1. Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) \$40,000 Healthy Maine Communities Grant.

Jamie Comstock explained the purpose of the second phase planning grant which deals with substance abuse. The term is May 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016. It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Plourde and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the City Council. As this will be a Resolve to accept and appropriate the funding, it will appear to First Reading on the next Council Agenda.

2. Consideration of Accepting Recommendations from the Substance Abuse task Force.

This item is returning from the April 6<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. The City Manager provided an overview of the draft letter she had prepared explaining the work and recommendations that the Community Health Leadership Board and the Substance Abuse Task Force had done around the issue of substance abuse. Committee members reviewed the letter and were supportive of the draft. A few minor modifications were suggested and it was determined by the Committee that the letter should become part of a Council Resolve accepting the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Task Force. If the Resolve is approved by Council, the Resolve and letter will be sent to Bangor's legislative delegation, DHHS Commissioner Mary Mayhew, House and Senate leadership and the Maine State Health and Human Services Committee. The Resolve will be prepared for the April 22nd Council meeting as the Legislature is in session and items are moving quickly at this point in time. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward as outlined above, and the Committee expressed its appreciation to all involved for the work done on this issue.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

