

Government Operations Committee

Minutes

June 15, 2015

Councilors Attending: Civiello, Blanchette, Baldacci, Plourde, Sprague, Graham, Nealley,

Staff Attending: Conlow, Farrar, Nicklas, Brooke, Rudzinski

Others Attending: Media, Jay Martin, Normand Martin, Pat Martin, Tracy Haskell

Chair Civiello convened the meeting at 6:15pm

1. Presentation from the "Build the Babe in Bangor" Group.

Jay Martin, speaking on behalf of the Build Babe in Bangor Group, explained the proposed project to construct Babe the Blue Ox next to the Statue in Paul Bunyan Park. Mr. Martin provided a history of Paul Bunyan including his father's involvement with the statue and their plans for the addition of the Ox. Mr. Martin also briefly reviewed the two page outline/schedule that would culminate with the official unveiling and dedication of the new statue on July 4, 2016. Normand Martin stated that he has already begun working on a scale model of Babe. The Committee discussed the proposal at length, including fundraising, ownership, maintenance, and the process to approve the request. Several councilors expressed support for the concept. The City Manager noted that by Ordinance, the Cultural Commission is charged with reviewing and making recommendations regarding Public Art and Statues. The Committee discussed whether to send the request directly to the Council or to the Cultural Commission. Councilor Plourde, who serves on the Cultural Commission, recommended that the established process be followed and that this request be sent to the Cultural Commission. Councilor Baldacci urged that the process move along expeditiously. It was suggested that Caitlin Brooke, staff representative to the Cultural Commission meet with the Group following the completion of the agenda item as a starting point, as both parties were in attendance. Chair Civiello indicated that the approach for the request to have

Cultural Commission review first appeared to be the plan, and there was no further discussion or dissent. The Group thanked the Committee for their support and direction.

2. Referral—Council Ordinance 15-203, Amending Chapter 28, City Departments of the Code of the City of Bangor, by Updating Departmental Structure.

Assistant City Solicitor Nicklas explained that this ordinance amendment would update the city's departmental structure contained in the City Code to reflect changes that have been proposed as well as those which have already occurred. These include eliminating references to departments that no longer exist, realigning public works and water quality management (formerly the Waste Water Treatment) as separate departments, moving the fleet maintenance division to public works, and eliminating references to residency requirements that are unenforceable due to conflicts with current state law. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Baldacci and voted to recommend approval of Ordinance 15-203 to the City Council.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm