City of Belfast Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:00 p.m. Committee Interviews

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 17

- 1) Call to order
- **2) Roll call:** Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Chris Bitely and Paul Dean, City Manager Erin Herbig, and Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Adoption of the agenda
- 5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2024.

6) A. Open to the public

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B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

Consideration of Committee Appointments.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- **A.** Request from the Police Chief to confirm Damon Lefferts as a part-time Officer for the Belfast Police Department.
- **B.** Request from the Fire Chief to confirm Graham Burford as a part-time EMT and on-call Firefighter for the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department.
- C. Request to approve an application by Daniel Rock d/b/a Fon's Kitchen located at 132 High Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous liquor license.

10) Business

- **A)** Request to adopt a Resolution in support of an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and Israel.
- **B)** Request to appoint Pamela Salokangas of Unity as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Belfast.
- **C)** Request to appoint Elena Thomas of Camden as the Executive Assistant for the City of Belfast.
- **D)** Request to authorize the City Attorney and City Manager, on behalf of the City Council, to engage the statutory perambulation process with the Town of Northport in order to establish the shared boundary between the two municipalities and to appropriate up to \$5,000 to contribute to the cost of professional assistance as needed to conduct perambulation and set the line.
- **E)** Request to authorize the City Manager to execute a Fifth Amendment to the Options and Purchase Agreement between Belfast Water District, Nordic Aquafarms, Inc., and the City of Belfast that would extend Nordic Aquafarm's option to purchase the Little River Lower Dam for no more than two years.
- **F)** Discussion regarding the Keep the Faith Fund and support for Belfast businesses and their employees that have been impacted by storm damage.
- **G)** Request from the Planning and Codes Director to waive permit fees for repair work on the Harbor Walk area adjacent to Front Street Shipyard's Building #1.

- **H)** Request by the Economic Development Director to have the City Council finalize a ranked list of Fiscal Year 2025 Congressional Earmark Requests and authorize applications for these requests to be submitted.
- I) Request to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.
- **J)** Request to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.
- K) Signing of Council Orders

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- 12) Communications
- 13) Adjourn