



***Non-public meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A:2, I(b)
to meet with legal counsel to be held at 6:15 p.m.***

City Council Meeting
Minutes
June 20, 2013
City Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Councilors Bennett, Blanchard, Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilors Coen, DelloIacono, Grady Sexton, Kretovic, McClure, Nyhan, Patten, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff and Werner were present. Councilor Keach was excused.
3. Labor Relations Committee report relative to the City Manager's evaluation, in accordance with Section 21(b) of the City Charter. (5-7) ***(Vote taken at the May 13, 2013 Council meeting, contract to be approved in June)***

Action: Mayor Bouley explained that Council has already taken the vote as to whether the City Manager's performance was satisfactory or unsatisfactory in which Council voted satisfactory. He noted that the next phase is a one year agreement running through the fiscal year.

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to approve the one year agreement. The motion was duly seconded.

Mayor Bouley thanked City Manager Tom Aspell noting that he feels that he has done an outstanding job this past year and feels that this agreement reflects Council's desire to continue with Mr. Aspell's service.

The motion to approve the agreement passed with no dissenting votes.

4. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

- Consent Agenda Items -

5. **June 20, 2013 Public Hearings**

- A. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2014 ending June 30, 2014. (5-26)

Action: There being no Council objection, all the public hearing titles were read together.

City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview explaining that the budget he had presented to Council previously had an overall rate change of 3.10 and is now at 3.13; the adjustment has a total of \$7,900.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearings for items A through F.

Public Testimony

Jill Rockey, Executive Director of the Crisis Center of Central NH, indicated that the City of Concord has been very generous to them over the years and wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Councilors. She noted that they are provided money every year for their shelter and highlighted statistics to show where the money is going towards: in 2012 they served a total of 1,197 victims, of these 338 were from Concord; in 2012 they serviced 761 victims of domestic violence, 401 victims of sexual assault and 60 victims of stalking. She thanked the Council for their support.

Councilor Blanchard inquired as to the average length of stay for women and children in the shelter. Ms. Rockey responded that the average stay is approximately 9 months with some that stay less and some that stay longer.

Roy Schweiker, resident, noted that he wants to propose the addition of an additional position for a neighborhood parking enforcement officer to be a part time position noting that he feels that the city needs to start enforcing parking in the neighborhoods more vigorously. In regards to the city's leaf collection process, he suggested moving two of the collection days from the spring to the fall since there are more collection days in the spring than there are in the fall. Mr. Schweiker suggested that, in lieu of giving Intown Concord money, the city give them a contract to handle the parking in the south end of Storrs Street stating that he feels that they need to be set free and operate for the benefit themselves and downtown and make better use of this parking than the city does. Lastly, he suggested making the cold weather shelter like the McKenna House and ask individuals who show up there for a contribution and if they don't have any money then it's fine and they can volunteer time; further suggesting cutting the contribution to \$5,000 this year unless they implement this.

Tonya Rochette, Intown Concord, thanked Council for their support explaining that one of the things that they do with the dollars they receive is to help facilitate events that bring the community together such as Market Days and the Upstairs Downtown Walking Tour.

Allan Herschlag, resident, spoke in regards to the repairs that Council is going to voting on the funding for on Memorial Field. He stated that the concern he has is that there is already equipment and materials stockpiled at Memorial Field and it is his understanding that no money has been allocated. He asked how it's possible that a contractor would have already started preparing for work that hasn't been approved by the Council. He indicated that there is no current plan for Memorial Field and without a plan, how is it known that the money that they are spending in repairs will meet the needs of the city's recreation and athletic community in future years. He asked how is it known that the

\$400,000 that is being considered for approval for repairs will not be temporary in nature and that there will not be a need for them to be changed in a few years to meet the future needs of the community or the goals of a future master plan.

Councilor St. Hilaire inquired whether Mr. Herschlag was for the resurfacing of the parking area and not the other items. Mr. Herschlag responded that he doesn't have a problem with resurfacing the parking lot if there is a level of confidence that, when they expand the parking lot, this parking lot will be part of the expansion and that it will not have to be taken apart and redone.

There being no further public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearings for items A through F.

- B. Resolution amending the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2014 ending June 30, 2014. ***(Not previously distributed)***

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with item A.

- C. Resolution closing and completing certain capital projects; rescinding/de-authorizing appropriations; returning funds to their sources; and transferring, reappropriating or otherwise making remaining balances available for future purposes; together with report from the Senior Accountant. (5-28)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with item A.

- D. Resolution for the bonded projects within the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) hereby is authorizing and approving the expenditure of \$9,018,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$9,018,000 in bonds and notes for various capital projects more specifically identified below and in the attached worksheet 1; together with report from Deputy City Manager – Finance. (5-29)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with item A.

- E. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, by amending Schedule I of Article 1-5, Fees, Fines and Penalties, Water Rates. (5-30)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with item A.

- F. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, by amending Schedule I of Article 1-5, Fees, Fines and Penalties, Sewer Rates. (5-31)

Action: Public hearing for this item taken with item A.

June 20, 2013 Public Hearing Action

6. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2014 ending June 30, 2014. (5-26)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

7. Resolution amending the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2014 ending June 30, 2014. (***Not previously distributed***)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

8. Resolution closing and completing certain capital projects; rescinding/de-authorizing appropriations; returning funds to their sources; and transferring, reappropriating or otherwise making remaining balances available for future purposes; together with report from the Senior Accountant. (5-28)

Action: Councilor Bouchard moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

9. Resolution for the bonded projects within the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) hereby is authorizing and approving the expenditure of \$9,018,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$9,018,000 in bonds and notes for various capital projects more specifically identified below and in the attached worksheet 1; together with report from Deputy City Manager – Finance. (5-29)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

10. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, by amending Schedule I of Article 1-5, Fees, Fines and Penalties, Water Rates. (5-30)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

11. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code; Chapter 1, Government Organization, by amending Schedule I of Article 1-5, Fees, Fines and Penalties, Sewer Rates. (5-31)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Councilor Kretovic reminded everyone that an event called Midsummer Night Magic is being held in downtown tomorrow.

Mayor Bouley reminded residents that there are still 491 dogs that still need to be licensed in the city. He encouraged people to come into the Clerk's Office to license their dogs to avoid a \$25.00 fine for an unlicensed dog within the city.

Consideration of Suspense Items

Councilor Nyhan moved to consider the suspense item not previously advertised. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

6 Sus1 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to withdraw from the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative; together with report from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Action: City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview explaining that the Joint Cooperative Board of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative is having a meeting on June 26th and at this meeting they need to really make a determination from all the member communities whether or not to continue to participate in the solid waste agreement between the cooperative and Wheelabrator. He indicated that he would like to be able to have the authority to make a decision whether or not the city should continue in that cooperative and to do so he believes it's appropriate for the Council to make the decision as to whether or not they should grant him the authority.

Councilor Blanchard moved approval of the resolution. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Adjournment

Councilor Nyhan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

A true copy; I attest:

Michelle Mulholland
Deputy City Clerk