



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 7:00 PM  
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL (ROOM 114)  
125 STROUDWATER ST.**



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**I. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by City Council President Anna A. Turcotte. City Clerk Angela Holmes read the City Council Land Acknowledgement statement into the record.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**City Councilors Present:** Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large), David C. Morse (Ward 1, Vice President), Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, President), Victor Chau (Ward 2), Gary Rairdon (Ward 4), Jennifer Munro (Ward 5)

**City Councilors Absent:** Claude Rwaganje (At-Large)

**Other City Officials Present:** Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Natalie Burns (City Solicitor), Harrison Deah (Director of General Assistance & Social Services), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Suzanne Knight (Finance Director), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Ellis Ledoux (Executive Assistant), Greg Post (Director of Community Services), Robyn Saunders (Project Manager)

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Turcotte led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Turcotte stated that unless any objections were received, the minutes would stand as presented. No objections received. The following minutes stand as presented:

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**V. MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor Foley read his message into the record. The full text of the Mayor's Message is attached to these minutes. Mayor Foley also read a Proclamation in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day into the record. A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes.

Proclamation - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES**

President Turcotte opened the floor for City Council messages. Councilors provided the following updates:

- President Turcotte wished everyone a Merry Christmas to everyone who celebrated the Greek Orthodox Christmas this past week

## **VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE**

There was no Student Representative update.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Turcotte opened the floor for the first public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: None

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

## **X. ORDERS OF THE DAY (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

Included below are the City Council Orders which require second and final reading.

**Order 2022-173. Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Appropriating the Proceeds Thereof**

**Order 2022-174. Award of Bid for Revitalization of Warren Recreation Outdoor Complex**

**Order 2022-175. Authorizing Award of Bid Public Services Building Repairs**

**Order 2022-176. Accepting Elmaple Drive as a Public Street**

**Order 2022-177. Authorizing Purchase of Aquatic Touchpads at Davan Indoor Pool**

**Order 2022-178. Authorizing Purchase of Flooring for Toddler Room at Community Center**

**Order 2022-179. Authorizing and Acceptance & Expenditure of National Opioid Settlement Funds by the Westbrook Police Department**

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2022-173 through 2022-179.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte asked if any Councilor would like to consider any item separately. No one spoke.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Foley

**Motion carried. Orders 2022-173 through 2022-179 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)**

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Turcotte

Nays: Rwaganje

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Included below are the Council actions on New Business, which includes business licenses requiring City Council approval, City Council Resolves and Orders receiving first and final reading, City Council Orders receiving the first of two required readings.

### Orders (Two Readings Required)

**Order 2023-01. Authorizing Purchase of Police Department Motorcycle**

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Chau.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

None

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**

**Order 2023-02. Authorizing Expenditure of National Opioid Settlement Funds to Support Westbrook Partners for Prevention**

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Munro, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

None

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**

**Order 2023-03. Authorizing Expenditures for Community Support Initiatives & Amending FY 2023 Annual Vendor List**

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Councilor Munro, Mayor Foley, President Turcotte

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**

**Order 2023-04. Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of Grant Funds for the Keeping Cumberland County Warm Heating Assistance Program**

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Munro.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Foley

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Turcotte opened the floor for the second and final public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rairdon

**XIII. REFERRALS**

There were no referrals for consideration.

**XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following items remain in their City Council Committees for deliberation. No updates were provided by Committee Chairs.

Committee of the Whole

Residential Landlord Registration

Amending Land Use Ordinance to Expand Medical & Recreational Marijuana Businesses

Comprehensive Ethics Reform

Adopting Policy to Protect Employees' Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension

Sidewalks & Traffic at Haskell Street  
Condition of Westbrook Middle School Baseball Field

Public Safety Committee  
Use of Force Policy Analysis

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no requests for an Executive Session.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:19pm.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**



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### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

January 9, 2023

#### **LANDSLIDE PROJECT**

Late last month, the City was informed that \$996,000 in funding was secured for the City of Westbrook to study the 2020 Presumpscot River landslide in the FY 2023 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill. This landslide caused significant property damage to the area and this project will allow us to assess risks and make informed zoning decisions along the riverbanks, as well as help protect water quality and natural habitat conditions. We are grateful for Congress' support of this critical inter-municipal project, which will manifest statewide public benefits. We look forward to collaborating with our partners to identify vulnerable areas that may be at risk for future landslide action within the Presumpscot River Corridor. Special thanks to Project Manager Robyn Saunders who helped prepare this funding request, and to our Representatives in Congress, Senators Collins & King and Representative Pingree for their support in securing this critical funding.

#### **VETERAN'S ACTIVITIES**

Our Veterans coffee & information sessions continue at the Westbrook Community Center with our next event on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. At these sessions our Veteran's Service Officer Arty Ledoux updates veterans on various issues affecting them.

#### **DOWNTOWN PARKING, CONSTRUCTION, & TRAFFIC PATTERN UPDATES**

Downtown streets were reopened to traffic last month, returning normal flow to our downtown this winter. Various closures or delays will begin to take place in the area for construction deliveries, and we encourage everyone to sign up for traffic and construction updates at [www.seeingorangewestbrook.com](http://www.seeingorangewestbrook.com). We thank everyone in advance for their patience as we work hard to lay the foundation for Westbrook's future in a safe & efficient manner. We've also prepared a short video with Project Manager Robyn Saunders explaining some of these upcoming activities.

#### **WINTER PARKING UPDATES**

We'd like to remind everyone that the City's Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12am – 6am. In addition, we have special winter parking regulations for the downtown. These parking restrictions are necessary to help our Public Services crews clear the streets & lots in a safe and effective manner. This team does an outstanding job, and we thank them for their continued efforts to keep our roads safe and clean during the winter.

#### **DOG LICENSES**

All dog licenses in the State of Maine expire on December 31st. However, the State gives all dog owners a one-month grace period during the month of January to renew your dog's license without receiving a late penalty. Please remember to license your dogs, either online or in person at City Hall.

#### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

I will now read the Mayoral Proclamation for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.