



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
471 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. ROLL CALL

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by City Council President Anna A. Turcotte.

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

City Councilors Absent: Claude Rwaganje (At-Large)

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Tressina Germani (Deputy Finance Director), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Kelsey Ledoux (Executive Assistant), Lillian Ranco (Student Representative), Ashley Rand (Deputy Director of Economic Development), Daniel Stevenson (Director of Economic Development), Alyssa Tibbetts (Legal Counsel)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Turcotte led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 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:

February 9, 2022 - Joint City Council & School Committee Minutes

February 28, 2022 - Special City Council Meeting

IV. 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 invited Amy Grommes Pulaski, Executive Director of Discover Downtown Westbrook, to the podium to provide an update on DDW. The following individuals presented comments and/or questions to Ms. Grommes Pulaski: Mayor Foley, Councilor Shaughnessy

V. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

President Turcotte opened the floor for City Council messages. Councilors provided the following updates: None

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Student Representative Ranco provided the following updates:

As of Wednesday, March 9, 2022, masks are no longer mandatory in schools. There is an upcoming corn hole tournament to benefit Project Graduation for the Senior Class. Spring Sport sign-up is now open for the High School and Middle School.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

IX. ORDERS OF THE DAY (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

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

Order 2022-22. Authorizing Agreement with Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Brook Street Improvements.

Order 2022-23. Authorizing Award of Bid for Prides Corner Intersection Design.

Order 2022-24. Authorizing Increased Local Share for Improvements to William Clark Drive

Order 2022-27. Approving Settlement Agreement with Westbrook Energy Center, LLC

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2022-22, 23, 24, and 27.

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. Orders 2022- 22, 23, 24, and 27 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rwaganje

Order 2022-25. Authorizing First Amendment to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #10, Downtown Development District

Ms. Holmes noted for the record that a public hearing on this item would be required. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Portland Press Herald on February 25, 2022.

President Turcotte opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke: None

President Turcotte closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2022-25.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
None

Motion carried. Order 2022-25 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Turcotte
Nays: None
Absent: Rwaganje

Order 2022-26. Establishing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #22, Public Infrastructure Development District

Ms. Holmes noted for the record that a public hearing on this item would be required. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Portland Press Herald on February 24, 2022.

President Turcotte opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke: None

President Turcotte closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2022-26.

Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: None

Motion carried. Order 2022-26 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rwaganje

X. NEW BUSINESS

Business Licenses

There were no Business Licenses to consider.

Resolves (One Reading Required)

There were no Resolves to consider.

Orders (One Reading Required)

Order 2022-28. Authorizing Purchase of Radio Base Bundle & Camera Mount for Police Department Body Cameras

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

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

Mayor Foley

Motion carried. Order 2022-28 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rwaganje

Order 2022-29. Adopting Repeal & Replacement of Chapter 131 of the Westbrook Code of Ordinances Regarding Cable Television & Amending Master Fine Schedule

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Foley
Motion carried. Order 2022-29 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)
Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Rairdon, Munro, Turcotte
Nays: None
Absent: Rwaganje

Orders (Two Readings Required)

Order 2022-30. Authorizing Paving Services Contract & Capital Paving Vendor List

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.
Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Vice President Morse.
President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Vice President Morse
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2022-31. Authorizing Contracts for Design & Engineering Services for the Arthur P. Girard Columbarium Project

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:
Mayor Foley, Councilor Rairdon, Councilor Chau
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XII. REFERRALS

There were no referrals for consideration.

XIII. 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
Amending the City Council Rules of Order to Include Land Acknowledgement Statement on Council Agendas

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension
Sidewalks & Traffic at Haskell Street
Condition of Westbrook Middle School Baseball Field
Traffic Issues on Forest Street

Finance Committee
Creating a Fire Truck Fund

Public Safety Committee
Use of Force Policy Analysis

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests for an Executive Session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:46pm.

Moved by Vice President Morse, seconded by Councilor Rairdon.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.