



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 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 Vice President Anna A. Turcotte.

City Councilors Present: Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large), David C. Morse (Ward 1), Victor Chau (Ward 2), Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President), Claude Rwaganje (At-Large)

City Councilors Absent: Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President), Elliot Storey (Ward 5)

Other City Officials Present: Rosemary Bebris (Library Director), Jerre Bryant (City Administrator), Natalie Burns (City Solicitor), Eric Dudley (Director of Engineering & Public Services), Jennie Franceschi (Director of Planning & Code Enforcement), Michael T. Foley (Mayor), Greg Hamilton (Director of Emergency Communications & IT), Angela Holmes (Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk), Suzanne Knight (Finance Director), Sean Lally (Police Chief), Dena Lebeda (Tax Collector), Steve Sloan (Deputy Fire Chief), Andrew Turcotte (Fire Chief)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Turcotte led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

June 21, 2021 - Finance Committee Meeting, Special City Council Meeting, Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 12, 2021 - City Council Workshop, Regular 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.

Vice President Turcotte asked Mayor Foley to comment on the reopening plan for Westbrook schools following the recent fire at Westbrook High School. Mayor Foley noted that Westbrook High School may reopen in stages, and that plans are in place to conduct inspections at all schools prior to the start of the new school year.

V. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

Vice President Turcotte opened the floor for City Council messages. The following individuals spoke: Vice President Turcotte, Mayor Foley, Deputy Chief Sloan, Councilor Chau

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

There was no Student Representative update.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice 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 2021-69. Approving Referendum for Charter Amendment Regarding Ranked Choice Voting for Municipal Offices

Ms. Holmes noted for the record that this item received a public hearing on July 12, 2021.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2021-69.

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Morse.

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

Heather Margerison (22 Autumn Woods Drive)

Motion carried. Order 2021-69 adopted. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rwaganje

Nays: None

Absent: Storey, Rairdon

Order 2021-70. Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of IDEXX Donation for Westbrook Dog Park

Order 2021-71. Authorizing Sale of Tax Acquired Properties

Order 2021-74. Authorizing Purchase of Granite Sign for Walker Memorial Library

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2021-70, 71 and 74.

Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Councilor Morse.

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

Vice President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion to approve second and final reading of the legislation. No one spoke.

Motion carried. Orders 2021-70, 71 and 74 adopted. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rwaganje

Nays: None

Absent: Storey, Rairdon

Order 2021-72. Authorizing Millbrook Estates Affordable Housing Development District Program and Credit Enhancement Agreement

Ms. Holmes noted for the record that this item requires a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing

was published in the Portland Press Herald on July 22, 2021, posted to the City of Westbrook's website on July 12, 2021, and was posted in City Hall.

Vice President Turcotte opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

Vice President Turcotte closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2021-72.

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Chau.

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

None

Motion carried. Orders 2021-72 adopted. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rwaganje

Nays: None

Absent: Storey, Rairdon

Order 2021-73. Authorizing Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Solar Energy Systems

Ms. Holmes noted for the record that this item requires a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Portland Press Herald on July 22, 2021, posted to the City of Westbrook's website on July 12, 2021, and was posted in City Hall.

Vice President Turcotte opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

Vice President Turcotte closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve second and final reading of Order 2021-73.

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

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

None

Motion carried. Orders 2021-73 adopted. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rwaganje

Nays: None

Absent: Storey, Rairdon

X. 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 2021-75. Authorizing Expenditure for Police Department Accreditation & Policy Management Software & Amending Annual Vendor List

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

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Morse.

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

Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau, Police Chief Lally

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2021-76. Authorizing Emergency Expenditures for COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

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

Moved by Councilor Rwaganje, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

Vice 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

Order 2021-77. Authorizing Purchase of Knox Box Key Secure Units for the Police and Fire Departments

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

Vice 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.

Order 2021-78. Authorizing Agreement with Spectrum for Emergency Fiber Link Connection for Public Safety Radio System

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

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

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

Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau, Mr. Hamilton, Councilor Morse

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2021-79. Authorizing Agreements for Purchase & Maintenance of Copiers & Printers

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

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

Vice President Turcotte, Mayor Foley, Mr. Hamilton

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2021-80. Authorizing Expenditure for Risk Management Training

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

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Chau.

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

Vice President Turcotte, Mayor Foley, Fire Chief Turcotte, Councilor Chau

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

Order 2021-81. Authorizing Expenditure for Replacement Cardiac Monitors

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

Vice 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 2021-82. Authorizing Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Agreement for Route 302, Brook

Street & Pride Street Intersection Improvements

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Chau.

Vice President Turcotte opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau, Vice President Turcotte, Mr. Bryant, Councilor Rwaganje, Mr. Dudley, Councilor Morse

Motion carried by a show of hands. (Vote 4-1-2)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Morse, Turcotte, Rwaganje

Nays: Chau

Absent: Storey, Rairdon

Order 2021-83. Authorizing Three-Party Partnership Agreement for Improvements to Brook Street

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

Vice 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 2021-84. Approving the 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local Union 340 Westbrook Public Safety Dispatch Unit

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

Moved by Councilor Morse, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

Vice 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.

Order 2021-85. Authorizing Award of Bid for Installation of Heat Pumps at City Hall

Order 2021-86. Authorizing Award of Bid for Installation of Heat Pumps at Fire Station 3

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation for Orders 2021-85 and 86.

Moved by Councilor Shaughnessy, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

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

Councilor Chau, Mr. Dudley

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Turcotte opened the floor for the second and final public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Vice President Turcotte, Christopher LaRoche (Executive Director, Westbrook Housing Authority), Councilor Rwaganje

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

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension
Sidewalks & Traffic at Haskell Street
Condition of Westbrook Middle School Baseball Field
Traffic Issues on Forest Street
No Parking on Willow Drive

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 8:30pm.

Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Councilor Shaughnessy.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.