

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing #1

The City Council of the City of Belfast, at its meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall, shall conduct a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 Businesses, Article VII, Section 351-354. The amendments the Council will consider at its meeting of March 21 involve a limited ban on the use of plastic single-use carryout shopping bags.

The public is invited to attend the March 21 public hearing and to offer comment. Comment also can be submitted in writing or via email by the date of the hearing. Written comment should be sent to Joseph Slocum, City Manager, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915, and email comment to citymanager@cityofbelfast.org. The proposed amendments can be inspected at the City Manager office in Belfast City Hall between the hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday, and on the City website; cityofbelfast.org. Questions regarding the Ordinance amendments should be directed to Joseph Slocum, City Manager, at 338-3370 x 10, or at citymanager@cityofbelfast.org.

*Brief presentation by the City Manager regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Public Hearing #2

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to hear an application by Senior College at Belfast, located at 80 Belmont Ave. Belfast, Maine for an Incorporated Civic Organization license, for the Senior College Festival of Art being held on June 1, 2017.

Regular Council Meeting No. 18

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley and John Arrison, City Manager Joseph Slocum, and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2017.

6) Open to the public

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7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve an application by Senior College at Belfast, located at 80 Belmont Ave. Belfast, Maine for an Incorporated Civic Organization license, for the Senior College Festival of Art being held on June 1, 2017.
- B.** Request to approve a Facility Use application by the Bike the US for MS organization for their annual cycling event utilizing Heritage Park on the evening of May 28, 2017 for overnight stay.
- C.** Request to approve a Facility Use application by Cold Comfort Theater for use of Wales Park on July 13th – 15th, 2017 (rain dates of July 19th -22) for performance of "Tintypes."
- D.** Request to approve a Facility Use application by Cold Comfort Theater for use of Wales Park on August 3rd-5th, 2017 (rain dates August 10th – 12th) for musical performance of "The Miracle Worker."
- E.** Request to approve an application for a catering permit by the American Legion Frank D. Hazeltine Post #43 for a 60th birthday party celebration located in their main function hall at 143 Church Street, Belfast, ME on April 8, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

10) Business

- A)** First Reading on an Ordinance to restrict the distribution of plastic single use carry out bags.
- B)** Request from some Belfast citizens for the City to adopt a resolution relating to being a welcoming community.
- C)** Request from the Planning Director to enter into a license agreement with Front Street Pub to help develop a take-out window on the Harbor Walk.
- D)** Request from the Police Chief for \$1,500 to support the acquisition of a new police dog.
- E)** Request from the VFW for contribution towards the purchase of new flags.

F) Request for Council direction on concluding the remaining Brownfield Environmental Cleanup Project for Belfast Yards.

G) Request for authority to work with the State to help find someone to relocate the existing white house on Market Street that the State has purchased in order to construct a new courthouse.

H) Request from the City Manager to go into Executive Session to discuss an application for a Poverty Abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 841.

I) Request from the City Manager to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

J) Signing of Council Orders

11) Open to the Public

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn