

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Regular Council Meeting No. 14

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean, 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 January 7, 2020.

6) A. Open to the public

If you are here to speak, please come to the podium, identify yourself, and state your town of residence. The Council values your input and respectfully asks that comments be limited to 3 minutes. This is an opportunity for the Council to listen but not to respond in any kind of question and answer format. The Council will reflect on your comments and consider them for possible action at a later date.

B. Organization and Department Reports

- Report from the Director of Code and Planning on the upcoming Planning Board Public Hearing on January 29th regarding the proposed building height amendment for the Washington Street area in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District.
- Update from the Director of Code and Planning on the Planning Board meetings regarding the Nordic Aquafarms project.

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve a renewal application by Nutjarin Sukkasemsri d/b/a Rice & Noodle Thai Restaurant LLC located at 160 Searsport Ave., Belfast, Maine for a Malt and Vinous Restaurant/Lounge (Class I-IV) license, interior only.
- B.** Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Rollie's Bar & Grill for the Business Afterhours event located at Nordic Aquafarms Inc., 159 High Street, Belfast, ME on January 15, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- C.** Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Delvino's Grill and Pasta House for the Belfast Winter Whoopla event located at the Belfast Boathouse, 34 Commercial Street, Belfast, ME on January 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- D.** Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Front Street Pub for the Robert Burns Night event located at the United Farmers Market of Maine, 18 Spring Street, Belfast, ME on January 25, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

10) Business

- A)** Request from the Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, to enter into a contract with Ransom Consulting for the management of the remediation of contaminated soils and building abatement and demolition for the City-owned property at 115 Congress St.
- B)** Consideration and possible acceptance of the recommendations of the Pedestrian, Biking and Hiking Committee's priority list of pedestrian and bicycle improvements the 2020 construction season.
- C)** Request from the City Manager for resolution of the Council directing that City owned trusts to be divested of investment in fossil fuel based companies.
- D)** Request from Dorothy Odell to remove a tree from her property bordering on Peach Street.
- E)** Request from the City Manager to appoint Gerry Lincoln as the Police Chief of the City of Belfast.
- F)** Discussion and possible action on the creation of an Accessibility Committee to identify and improve accessibility challenges inside the City.
- G)** Request from the Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, to authorize a grant application to Maine Bicentennial commission and to provide matching funds for the application.

H) Request from the Cemetery Superintendent, Steve Boguen, for authority to move \$900 from the HM Payson Cemetery Trust fund to expense account #630 – 504 to pay for seasonal flower arrangements for Grove cemetery for fiscal 2019 – 2020.

I) Request from the City Manager to go into Executive Session to discuss Poverty Abatements and Possible Waivers of Foreclosure pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 841.

J) Possible action on requests for poverty abatements and possible waivers of foreclosure.

K) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn