

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

All City Council Meetings will be conducted online using Zoom and can be streamed on the City website at www.cityofbelfast.org. They will air live on BEL TV as well as on Belfast Community Radio WBFY 100.9.

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1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean, City Manager Erin Herbig, and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 and Special Council Meeting of January 26, 2021.

6) A. Open to the public

Members of the public who wish to submit announcements, questions or comment for the City Council can email public@cityofbelfast.org or mail to City of Belfast, 131 Church Street, Belfast, ME 04915. We ask that you include your name and residence as comments will be included as part of the public record, and that all comments be sent prior to the date and time of the meeting, with a deadline of noon the day of the meeting. Please see the City website for how best to observe remotely for all other meetings.

The City Council will also be utilizing the Zoom Webinar feature to allow for public input by allowing for virtual participation. There will be a website address that will serve as the link to the Zoom meeting and will be on the City website in advance of the meeting. There will also be a phone number next to the website address that will enable someone to participate, even if they are experiencing technical difficulties. There is no requirement to register for Webinars. The Chat function will be disabled.

The public will be allowed to speak at the meeting, but only during the public comment period. When it is time for the person to have their opportunity to speak, the host will accept them

into the meeting. The public will only have access to audio. Video uses large amounts of bandwidth, and City Staff feels it is best to be proactive with these technical issues.

B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

- Update from the Climate Crisis Committee.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve Councilor Mortier to serve as the Council representative on the Poet Laureate Selection Committee.

10) Business

A) Discussion on free speech and civility.

B) Request from the Police Chief for permission to use the Belfast Police Department in a proposed book.

C) Adoption of a Proclamation proclaiming February 2021 as "Belfast Reads Together Month".

D) Request from the Director of Code and Planning to accept and award bids for demolition of structures located at 101 and 107 Patterson Hill Road, Map 17 Lots 12 and 13.

E) Request from the Climate Crisis Committee to authorize payment of \$600.00 to Local Governments for Sustainability for the renewal of the City's membership.

F) Request from the City Treasurer to update Old Capital Project accounts.

G) Request from the Economic Development Director to approve a proposed approach for funding a Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station.

H) Request from Councilor Hurley for the Council to approve a letter to the Maine Department of Transportation regarding Kelly Bridge.

I) Request to go into an Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.

J) Signing of Council Orders

11) Communications

12) Adjourn