

**City of Belfast**  
**Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Public Hearing #1**

The Belfast City Council, at its meeting of Tuesday, December 1, 2015, beginning at 7:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall which is located at 131 Church Street, shall conduct a public hearing regarding the final engineering and design plans for the reconstruction of Front Street. All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to offer comment. Comment also may be submitted by the date of the hearing in writing or via email as follows: written comment to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, Me, 04915, and email comment to [wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org](mailto:wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org).

The Front Street Reconstruction Project mostly affects the section of Front Street located between its intersections with Main Street and Peirce Street. The project involves the following work: replacement of the existing public water and public sewer lines, constructing storm sewers, reconstructing the road base and pavement, changing the lay-out of the intersections of Front Street/Main Street and Front Street/Peirce Street, constructing new sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations, relocating existing utility poles, and constructing parking improvements. The estimated project cost is \$3.8 million, with funding provided through a \$1.9 million grant to the City from the federal Economic Development Administration, \$600,00 loan to the Belfast Water District through the State Drinking Water Program, and \$1.3 million from the City of Belfast. The City intends to borrow funds from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and to repay loan costs through revenues obtained through the Downtown Waterfront Tax Increment Financing District.

The City Council shall consider public comment offered at the public hearing in making its decision to submit the engineering and design plans to the Economic Development Administration for review. The City's intent is to submit the engineering plans for review in early December. A copy of the overall plan and additional information regarding the project can be found on the City website at [cityofbelfast.org](http://cityofbelfast.org). Questions regarding the proposed project and public hearing should be directed to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, at 338-1417 x 25 or at [wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org](mailto:wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org).

This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Dept of Commerce - Economic Development Administration. The total amount of federal funding included in the project financing will be \$1,900,000.00 which represents a portion of the total project costs to include design, construction, project inspection, and management of the project. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are a party to the advertisement of this public hearing or any contracts resulting from this project.

## Regular Council Meeting No. 11

### 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 November 17, 2015.

### 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 a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Sealed Tickets) for the Randall Collins VFW Post 3108 located at 34 Field Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- B. Request to approve a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Cards for the Randall Collins VFW Post 3108 located at 34 Field Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- C. Request to approve a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Beano for the Tarratine Tribe #13 I.O.R.M & Auxiliary located at 153 Main Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- D. Request to approve a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Sealed Tickets) for the Tarratine Tribe #13 I.O.R.M & Auxiliary located at 153 Main Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- E. Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Trillium Events, INC for the Our Town Belfast Dinner in the Library fundraiser located at the Belfast Free Library, 106 High Street, Belfast, Maine on December 19, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- F. Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Trillium Events, INC for Whitecap Builders Holiday Party located at the Belfast Boathouse, 34 Commercial Street, Belfast, Maine on December 11, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- G. Request to approve a City Facility Use application by Mary Mortier for the "19<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's by the Bay" event from 2:00 p.m. December 31, 2015 until 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2016.

- H. Request to approve a City Facility Use application by Our Town Belfast for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 5, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of the Belfast Post Office.
- I. Request to approve a City Facility Use application by Our Town Belfast for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Menorah Lighting on December 6, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of the Belfast Post Office.

## **10) Business**

- A) Review and possible approval of engineering and design plans for the Front Street Reconstruction Project.
- B) Update from the Harbor Master the development of an Outer Harbor Plan for Belfast.
- C) Request from the Harbor Master to adopt harbor usage fees for 2016.
- D) Request from the Harbor Master to approve charter vessel contracts for 2016.
- E) Request from Central Maine Power to close down a section of Washington Street to facilitate the cleanup of polluted soils.
- F) Consideration of a recommendation from the City Manager to eliminate payment of tax payments from Waterfall Arts.
- G) Request from Central Maine Power to install a new telephone pole on Ocean Street for a new residence.
- H) Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a real property matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.
- I) Signing of Council Orders

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## **12) Communications**

## **13) Adjourn**