

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 6:15PM

At 6:20 p.m. a Public Dialogue Session was held.

Public Dialogue Session – One Group

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Perkins and Becksted

The members of the public were asked to introduce themselves and begin discussing their concerns and/or questions related to their individual topics.

Wes Tator said he would be presenting a Resolution for the City Council to consider endorsing regarding Energy Climate Change. He spoke to the Resolution being bi-partisan and the need for us to start pricing carbon.

Erik Anderson spoke to the budget process and suggested providing a less compressed time line. He stated there was no improvement to allow the public to speak during the work sessions and there was only one public hearing. He further stated that the City has a spending problem and it needs to stop. He said that there is needed relief to the taxpayers and would like to see new revenues investigated. Mr. Anderson spoke regarding the revaluation process and how that will impact the taxpayers.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said having another public hearing on the budget makes sense for the future. He said the longer process worked well but would like to hear more from Mr. Anderson regarding the revenue prospects the City Council did not pursue.

Councilor Dwyer said the whole State is working on changing the rooms and meals tax. She also indicated that the Fee Committee recommended many increases to fees this year.

Mr. Anderson said he has some suggestions but not in this setting. He would like to see a dialogue created on that matter.

Councilor Dwyer said she would like to hear more specific details from Mr. Anderson.

John Mikolajcyk, Manager of the Portsmouth Elks, spoke in support of bringing Keno to Portsmouth. He said he would like the question placed on the ballot for the voters to decide. He said that having Keno in the City will have little impact.

Councilor Dwyer said it does not bring any revenue to the City.

Mr. Mikolajcyk said it would increase the revenues in the City.

Councilor Dwyer said the legislature voted that it would not go to the kindergarten fund any longer.

Mayor Blalock said we should vote whether to place the item on the ballot. He said he would support placing it on the ballot for the residents to decide.

Mr. Mikolajcyk said the State did a poor job last year explaining how Keno would work in the City.

Eli Sokorelis said he has Keno at one of his establishments and it works well. He recommended placing the question on the ballot.

Mr. Mikolajcyk said it helps businesses, non-profits, the local sport teams receive contributions from businesses that have Keno.

Councilor Roberts asked how much money goes to the establishment and what goes to the State. He said you are taking money out of the City and giving it to the State. He said he would consider placing the question on the ballot for the people to vote.

Elizabeth Bratter, resident of Dover, NH but property owner in Portsmouth said she missed the public hearing on the budget and is concerned about taxes. She said there are young couples that have seen a 30% increase in taxes in the last ten years. She said home insurance is increasing because assessments are climbing. She said we need to consider how many residents are tax free and are developers getting special deals. Ms. Bratter asked the City Council to do its homework before hiring a new City Manager and suggested comparing communities and what they pay their City Manager's. She said administrators should be hired at the lowest level and the Council needs to consider the benefits provided to employees. She stated the City needs to advertise more for providing assistance to seniors which will allow seniors to stay in their homes.

Councilor Dwyer said we have salary schedules and they're bench marked against other communities. She spoke to the tax exempt status to properties.

Petra Huda said she was surprised that another work session was not held after the May 22nd session. She said with the revaluation taxes will increase. She indicated that there were no cuts in the budget. Ms. Huda said that the revenues for the last six years were under estimated by \$8 million which cause an increase in property taxes. She stated that property taxes have increased by 54% in the last ten years. She said that the City was over budget and the City should look at revenues because money is being left on the table.

Councilor Pearson said we are all residents and one thing explains the last ten years, there has been a down shift in costs from the State and the City has had to absorb those costs.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Blalock closed the Public Dialogue Session.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton (via conference call), Perkins, Raynolds (7:20 p.m.) and Becksted

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Blalock asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the Virginia Beach shooting victims.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blalock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X.B. – Letter from St. John’s Capital Campaign/Grant Funding Committee seeking City Council endorsement of St. John’s rehabilitation and restoration project. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

On a unanimous roll call vote 8-0, motion passed.

X.B. Letter from St. John’s Capital Campaign/Grant Funding Committee seeking City Council endorsement of St. John’s rehabilitation and restoration project

Barry Heckler, St. John’s Capital Campaign/Grant Funding Committee spoke to his letter and scope of the project. He said when they file the LCHIP for grant funding for the project they need to answer a question whether the City Officials have support for the project. He said that this is an historical resource for the City and it is a resource of a vibrant community. He spoke to the various parts of the project. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for sending out a letter in support of the church.

Councilor Pearson moved to support and endorse the capital campaign for the grant funding for the St. John’s Church. Seconded by Councilor Becksted.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** *(There are no minutes on for acceptance this evening)*

VI. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY

Assistant Mayor Lazenby gave a brief summary of the topics discussed during Public Dialogue which included Climate Change Resolution, Budget Process, Adding another Public Hearing to the Budget Process, Increase in Costs and Revenues not Pursued, Keno Question on Ballot and Revenues being Properly Estimated.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to suspend the rules in order to bring forward Item VII. B. – Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6.202 – Billiards and Bowling Hours. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

VII.B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6.202 – Billiards and Bowling Hours

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to pass third and final reading of the Ordinance. Seconded by Councilor Roberts.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

VII. VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Adoption of Proposed Budget Resolutions:

A. Adoption of Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (FY20)

City Manager Bohenko said there are six Resolutions and they have been reviewed and adjustments were made. He stated the first Resolution is on Fees and we raise 1% of the general fund revenues. He reported that one major new revenue is for a Fire Inspector which offsets the cost of adding the position to the budget.

Resolution No. 8-2019 – Municipal Fees

Councilor Dwyer moved to adopt Resolution #8-2019 – Municipal Fees. Seconded by Councilor Raynolds.

Councilor Dwyer said all fees are reviewed and changed over a cycle. She indicated the fee charged needs to have a direct relationship to what it costs to administer the fee.

Councilor Becksted said we are not doing our due diligence in changing fees. He recommended changing the fee for a developer to use city owned space for parking which use to be 15% per square foot and it was lowered to 5% per square foot. He said the key is to have the work finished as soon as possible. He said we needed to not make the fee punitive before the fee went into place.

Councilor Raynolds said that the fee being charged prior to lowering it was disproportion. Councilor Becksted said the fee should be reconsidered next year. He said people are willing to pay whatever they need to.

Councilor Dwyer said we know what it costs to take up a metered space.

Councilor Raynolds said it is not the developer's ability to pay, you can't charge more than it costs to administer the fee.

Councilor Becksted spoke to impact fees that are charged by other municipalities and asked why we do not have impact fees.

Councilor Dwyer explained that we use extractions versus impact fees. She said impact fees may be great for a certain development in the City of Dover.

City Manager Bohenko said we have extractions and impact fees must be spent for what you fund and for a particular development. He said if all the money is not spent it is then returned to the developer. He further stated communities have had to pay back impact fees because they were not spent for their purpose.

Councilor Roberts spoke to Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses and the placement of flower boxes on City sidewalks which under the Ordinance and application is a \$75.00 fee. City Manager Bohenko said we have been silent on that and allowed businesses to put those decorative boxes out. Councilor Roberts said we need to make it clear that we do not charge for flower boxes on sidewalks. He would like guidelines and power to the City Manager to remove it from the requirements.

On a roll call vote 8-1, motion passed. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.

Resolution No. 9-2019 – General Fund Expenditures

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #9-2019 – General Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

City Manager Bohenko spoke to the adjustments made to the budget this year. He reviewed the revised Proposed Operating Budget and revised Proposed Non-Operating Budget.

FY20 Total Proposed Budget – Revised as of May 22, 2019

Adjustments from the City Manager's Recommended Budget		<u>Recommended Budget</u>	
		Operating	\$92,195,379.00
		Non-Operating	\$26,443,251.00
		<i>Total</i>	<i>\$118,638,630.00</i>
<u>Adjustments</u>		<u>% change from FY19</u>	
Operating	(\$261,132.00)	Operating	4.78%
Non-Operating	(\$1,140,188.00)	Non-Operating	0.52%
<i>Total</i>	<i>(\$1,401,320.00)</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>3.80%</i>

Expenditures	(\$1,401,320.00)
Total Proposed Budget	\$118,638,630.00
Net Increase	\$4,343,423.00
% Change	3.80%
Revenues: Additional Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$650,000.00

<u>Estimated Tax Rate</u>	\$16.21
Increase from FY19	\$0.37
% Change	2.3%

Councilor Becksted said at the May 22nd Budget Work Session City Manager Bohenko spoke to the rate of inflation being based on November to November. City Manager Bohenko said we do not need to use the CPI for adopting a budget, it is for illustrated purposes only.

Councilor Becksted said he would like to reduce \$500,000.00 from the operating side of budget to bring the increase to the rate of inflation which is 3.1%. City Manager Bohenko said that this is the first time he has heard this number from Councilor Becksted.

Councilor Pearson said that this is a generous budget and we are able to get more essential personnel up to levels we had in the past.

Councilor Reynolds said that this is a good and reasonable budget. He said we have added 5 positions and we still are only looking at having a 3.8% increase with the overall amount of the budget.

Councilor Becksted moved to have \$500,000.00 reduced from the operating side of the budget. Motion received no second.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said we have had a detailed process and the tax rate increase is below the rate of inflation.

Councilor Becksted said the numbers changed each work session and he feels we are over spending when it comes to certain items. He asked why the City Manager’s salary is in the budget when he is leaving. City Manager Bohenko said you will still be required to pay a new City Manager.

On a roll call vote 8-1, motion passed. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.

Department	Appropriation
General Government	\$20,343,714.00
Police	\$11,647,381.00
Fire	\$9,232,857.00
School	\$49,612,427.00
Transfer to Indoor Pool	\$150,000.00
Transfer to Prescott Park	\$89,000.00
Collective Bargaining Contingency	\$1,120,000.00
Non-Operating	\$26,443,251.00
Total	\$118,638,630.00

Resolution No. 10-2019 – Sewer Fund Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko said when the plant is completed we will start to use net position so we do not have a spike in rates. He said we are receiving some State aid to offset costs. He said we hope to continue to have a stable and predictable sewer rate. He spoke to the program for assistance provided to residents for both water and sewer.

Councilor Pearson moved to adopt Resolution #10-2019 – Sewer Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Becksted said in December we received a premium and asked if any of that can be used to offset this budget. City Manager Bohenko explained the use of the premium. Finance Director Belanger said the bond premium was used for annual sewer line replacement and then money on the water side will be used for something on that side. Councilor Becksted said he would like to see where the money is being used. City Engineer Desmarais said funds are used for annual water and sewer line replacements. City Manager Bohenko explained we had a public hearing and we had a Resolution that outlined the projects for the premium. He said the public hearing was advertised and passed with a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

Councilor Becksted said he would not support the Resolution.

On a roll call vote 8-0, motion passed with Councilor Becksted abstaining from the vote.

- ***Appropriated sum of \$14,202,023.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the sewer system***
- ***Cash requirements of \$18,869,274.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the sewer system***
- ***Sewer user rate effective July 1, 2019 is \$13.77 per unit for the first 10 units of consumption per month, and \$15.14 per unit for all used thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the City of Portsmouth's sewer system***

Resolution No. 11-2019 – Water Fund Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko spoke to the Water Fund Resolution. He said we have been stable and predictable.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #11-2019 – Water Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Raynolds.

Councilor Becksted said he would like a clarification on what the premium funds were used on so the taxpayers are aware of where the monies went. He said he would support the Resolution.

City Manager Bohenko said that was FY19 and a public hearing was held with funds being used as designated in the Resolution.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby commended City Manager Bohenko and Public Works Department for stable and predictable water and sewer funds.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

- ***Appropriated the sum of \$9,080,801.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the water system***
- ***Cash requirement of \$10,505,793.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the water system***
- ***Water user rate effective July 1, 2019 is \$4.32 per unit for the first 10 units of consumed thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the water system***
- ***Water irrigation user rate effective July 1, 2019 is \$5.20 per unit for the first 10 units of water consumed per month, \$9.81 for consumption over 10 and up to 20 units consumed, and \$12.11 per unit for all units consumed thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the City of Portsmouth's water system.***

Resolution No. 12-2019 – Special Revenues, Debt Service, Fund and Committed Fund Balances for Necessary Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko explained that this Resolution allows for expenditure of Special Revenues, Debt Service Fund, and Committed Fund Balances. In addition, it allows the City to expend from donations, State and Federal Grants as they are accepted and received, pay principal and interest associated with Betterment Assessments, from a Debt Service Fund, and expend from committed fund balance.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #12-2019 – Special Revenues, Debt Service, Fund and Committed Fund Balance for Necessary Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Roberts.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Resolution No. 13-2019 – Investment Policy

City Manager Bohenko explained the Resolution adopts an annual investment policy as required by State law.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #13-2019 – Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

At 8:10 p.m. Councilor Denton left the meeting via the conference call.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Reynolds and voted.

- A. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for Bangor Savings Bank owner of Bangor Savings Bank for property located at 100 Market Street (***Anticipated action - move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***
- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

- B. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for Kelly & Gary Cargin owner of Winter Worx LLC d/b/a The Zulu Hut for property located at 67 Bow Street, Unit 2 (***Anticipated action - move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***
- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

- C. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for Sarah & Eric Amsden owner of Red Rover Creamery for property located at 142 State Street, Unit 150 (***Anticipated action - move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***
- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

- D. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for Lindt & Sprungli owner of Lindt for property located at 1 Congress Street (***Anticipated action - move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***

- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

- E. Letter from Jylle Nevejans, Bottomline Technologies requesting permission to hold their annual 5K Race on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- F. Petition and Underground Utility License for #200 and #210 Swett Avenue to install one (1) new pole and conduit ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- G. Letter from Nick Diana requesting permission to hold the 3rd annual Road Race on Saturday, April 11, 2020 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- H. Letter from JerriAnne Boggis, Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire requesting permission to hold the annual Juneteenth Celebration at the African Burying Ground with a music celebration on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

X. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

- A. Email Correspondence

Councilor Perkins moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Roberts and voted.

XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. CITY MANAGER

1. Purchase of Property Map 232, Lot 8 at the end of Lois Street

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that the City has entered into a Purchase and Sales for the parcel on Lois Street. He said the Conservation Commission reviewed the request and authorized the expenditure of \$30,000.00 from the Conservation Fund to support the acquisition. In addition, the Conservation Commission requested that the City place the property within the Conservation Ordinance along with finding a means to recognize and balance the municipal needs and potential uses for a small portion of this parcel at the end of Lois Street as a potential vehicle turnaround.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute all necessary documents to acquire property at the end of Lois Street identified as parcel 232-0008-001 from Alden-Watson Properties, LLC for \$60,000.00, and to recognize differential between that amount and the market value of the property as part of the transaction. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Becksted asked if our consulting attorney had any issues with acquiring the property. City Attorney Sullivan said our attorney had no concerns with the acquisition of the property. Councilor Becksted said he is concerned and feels that this is a mistake and would not support the motion.

City Manager Bohenko said that the acquisition of this property will protect the wetlands.

Councilor Pearson said property lines do not necessarily mean where a wetlands ends.

Motion passed with Councilor Becksted voting opposed.

2. Greenleaf Recreation Center Concession Agreement

City Manager Bohenko said Operation Blessing is requesting, and City staff recommends, that the term of the agreement be extended to April 15, 2020 under the same terms and conditions which have been in place since April 2016.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to authorize the City Manager any and all necessary action to extend the term of the concession agreement with Operation Blessing covering the Greenleaf Recreation Center to April 15, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Dwyer asked why Operation Blessing did not ask for a longer agreement. City Manager Bohenko said he did not want to encumber the City and this agreement provides more options.

Motion passed.

3. Request for First Reading for Annual Omnibus Ordinance Change, Parking and Traffic Safety

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that this year's omnibus addresses changes to parking in loading zones, prohibitions against mopeds and bicycles parking against monuments, no parking spaces, speed limits and one-way streets.

Councilor Roberts moved to schedule first reading for the June 17, 2019 City Council meeting regarding the annual omnibus set of ordinances recommended by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Councilor Dwyer asked if all of these changes have been put in place. City Manager Bohenko said they are all in place. He further stated that a presentation will be held at the next meeting on the ordinance and the amendments.

Motion passed.

City Manager's Informational Items

1. *Public Tour of the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility on Thursday, June 13, 2019*

City Manager Bohenko announced a tour of the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2. *Re: Keno Question on Ballot*

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said if we were to consider a ballot question September 3rd is the latest you could vote to put the question on the ballot.

City Manager Bohenko said if the Council votes to place the question of Keno on the November 5, 2019 ballot, a public hearing should be held no later than Monday, October 21, 2019 but no earlier than Sunday, October 6, 2019.

B. MAYOR BLALOCK

1. The City Manager Search Subcommittee:
 - Recommendation of a Search Firm
 - City Manager Residency – Charter Amendment Discussion

Mayor Blalock said the Subcommittee has a recommendation of a search firm for a new City Manager. He said they interviewed two firms and the Subcommittee was impressed with one firm. He advised the Council that the Subcommittee is recommending GovHR USA.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to hire the firm GovHR USA to engage in the City Manager search process. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said the submissions were not public and out of respect for the other firms a Non-Public Session was held and the recommendation of the Subcommittee was unanimous. He said the costs were similar and cost was not a factor. He stated in reviewing all of the submissions the time frames we developed was clear.

Councilor Roberts asked how much this will cost. Mayor Blalock said there is a base amount of \$20,500.00 which was much lower than what was budgeted. He informed the Council that we can add a number of additional services which would increase the costs.

Motion passed.

Mayor Blalock said the search firm raised the issue in the Charter that if we hire a new City Manager the person shall live in the City within a year. He stated the search firm said it may limit our pool of candidates and if a change was to be made to the Charter it would take a year.

Councilor Perkins said she is in favor of this Charter change and she feels we would limit our pool of candidates that would apply, at this stage we need to consider the cost of homes here.

Councilor Becksted spoke against the change for requiring the City Manager to live in the City. He said the City Manager should be part of the community and live in the City.

Councilor Raynolds said we should stick with the requirement to live in the City.

Councilor Roberts said he would like to have the City Manager living in the City. He said State law would not require the City Manager to live in the City.

City Attorney Sullivan said there is a case in State law that residency requirements are unconstitutional. He also advised the City Council that of 11 cities in the State, 6 required residency.

Councilor Pearson said in terms of residency we need to see what the community wants.

Councilor Dwyer said presence is important and being available for all kinds of things. She said we might consider someone that might live in a 50 mile radius.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said to hire a City Manager like this, the person should live in the community. He said the City Manager needs to be intimately involved and he would not support a Charter amendment.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Councilor Perkins asked when does the City Council need to make its decision regarding this matter. City Attorney Sullivan explained the lengthy Charter Amendment process and advised the Council you would need to vote this evening for a public hearing to be held on June 17, 2019.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said he would not move ahead with a Charter change this year.

Councilor Pearson said that this is enough change and it is too rushed and would taint the process.

2. Appointments to be Voted:
 - Reappointment of Cyrus Beer to the Historic District Commission
 - Reappointment of Martin Ryan to the Historic District Commission

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to reappoint Cyrus Beer to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2022. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to reappoint Martin Ryan to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2022. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.

3. Resignation of Shari Donnermeyer from Parking, Traffic & Safety Committee effective July 15, 2019

Mayor Blalock and City Councilors expressed their thanks and appreciation for Ms. Donnermeyer's eight years of service to the PTS Committee.

4. Establishment of Vaughan Mall Blue Ribbon Committee

Mayor Blalock announced he is establishing the Vaughan Mall Blue Ribbon Committee. The membership will be Councilor Doug Roberts, Councilor Nancy Pearson, Councilor Ned Raynolds, Peter Vandermark, Sam Winebaum, Ellen Fineberg, Brian Murphy and Ex-officio staff member to be appointed by City Manager Bohenko.

Councilor Becksted asked what the Charge of the Committee is. Councilor Roberts said revitalizing the area.

Councilor Dwyer said that she would like the Committee to have a presentation on the area and review the revitalization of the plan. She said this is a follow-up to the larger committee that looked at the Vaughan Mall, Bridge and Worth lots.

Councilor Perkins spoke to the report by the earlier committee which left some areas to be addressed phase by phase.

Councilor Pearson said the point of bringing this back up is as the buildings come on line down Maplewood Avenue this is property we can control and will open green space.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Pearson spoke regarding a piece of propaganda that is out within the City that was made by Revisit McIntyre and not the City Council.

Councilor Roberts said he spoke with the Post Master and they are moving out on August 31st. He said they will be relocated to Heritage Avenue and will be open 24 hours.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby announced a week from Saturday, June 15th, the Stiletto Race will host a team from the City and that this is a fundraiser for Big Brother Big Sister.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., Councilor Perkins moved to adjourn. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby and voted.



KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC, CNHMC
CITY CLERK