

CITY OF HALLOWELL, MAINE
City Council Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2020
VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING – DETAILS BELOW
Web Site: <http://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

- 1. MAYOR WALKER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6 p.m.**
- 2. MAYOR WALKER ASKED FOR A ROLL CALL: COUNCILORS-AT LARGE LAPOINTE, AUCOIN; COUNCILORS DUFOUR, FRETT, SCULLY, CIRCO, WYNNE SIGNED IN.**
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSE – CULTIVATION FACILITY:**

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. so Council could hear public comments for a Marijuana Business License: Cultivation Facility for David Andrew Vickers/Origins Cultivation, LLC, located at 268 Whitten Road, Hallowell, ME as required under City of Hallowell Revised Code of Ordinances, Section 7-343. There were no comments. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:04.

- 4. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: *None***

- 5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: *None***

- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Marijuana Business License: Origins Cultivation, LLC, Owner David Vickers, 268 Whitten Road. City Council reviewed the application for this Cannabis business license.

Lapointe- Frett- Motioned that Council approve a Marijuana Business License: Cultivation Facility for David Andrew Vickers of Origins Cultivation, LLC. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

Lapointe-Frett- Motioned that the City of Hallowell issue this license for David Andrew Vickers of Origins Cultivation, LLC cannabis related business subject to any further items required by City Ordinances. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Motion was unanimously approved

- b) Requests from the Hallowell Pride Alliance.

April Fenton, President, Hallowell Pride Alliance made three requests of the City Council:

1) Hang Pride flags on the poles which line Water Street for the month of June. They will be posting a poster on each pole with the explanation of the flag that is flying on that pole. 2) Hang a Rainbow flag on City Hall for the month of June. She also requested a ceremony be conducted when the flag is posted. 3) Pride signs similar to the signs purchased by Officer Gaudet, be placed on the police cars. Discussion followed. The Key Club was granted permission to place a poster of each Hall Dale Senior onto light posts on one side of Water Street. It was consensual that rainbow flags will be hung on light posts on the other side of Water Street.

Lapointe-Scully- Motioned that Council to approve these three requests.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. City Council Minutes for the March 30, 2020 Special Meeting, April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, April 21, 2020 Special Meeting, and May 4, 2020 Special Meeting.
- b. Roll of Accounts for May 11, 2020.
- c. Department/Office Reports: Treasurer, Public Works, Police, Code Enforcement, Fire.

Lapointe-Scully- Moved that Council accept the consent agenda as presented.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

Councilor Lapointe inquired about expenses related to COVID- 19 incurred by the City. City Manager Rudy told the Council that the City is applying \$4,000 in expenses so far to existing lines in the Budget. He is keeping records of these purchases because he is optimistic that the City will recover some of these costs from the State.

8. UPDATE ON STEVENS COMMONS FROM MASTWAY DEVELOPMENT:

Matt Morrill from Mastway Development, LLC gave the City Council and attendees an update on progress at Stevens Commons.

UMA Student housing in the Stevens Building is at capacity. Construction is underway for UMA Student housing for an additional 47 students at Erskine Hall. A tenant for the café is needed. Construction for Community Housing (CHOM) is on schedule in the Central building. The move in date is July 1, 2020. City Manager Rudy mentioned that terms to the forgivable loan to Mastway Development, LLC will be met when CHOM receives a certificate of occupancy. The Baker building has 10 business tenants. New construction for condos in the Flagg/Dummer building which is located in the back of the quad on Beech Street is planned. The Cleveland building is still in development.

9. ALL-AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNICATIONS AND HOUSING PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bob McIntire, Chair of All-Age Friendly Committee, presented draft action plans for Communications and Housing based upon community surveys. These plans will be part of Hallowell’s Age Friendly Plan as required from AARP.

10. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2020 AS ARBOR WEEK:

Lapointe-Circo-Motioned that Council approve Resolution 04-20-R proclaiming the week of May 17 through May 23, 2020 as Arbor Week in Hallowell. Mayor Walker read the Proclamation aloud.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

11. APPROVAL OF VICTUALERS’ LICENSES RENEWAL:

A slate of Victualers’ license, Innkeepers’ license, and Special Amusement permit renewals was presented by the City Clerk for approval.

Lapointe-AuCoin-Motioned that Council approve the list of Victualers’ licenses, Innkeepers’ licenses, and Special Amusements permits that will expire May 31, 2020 as provided by the City Clerk and a new application from Anastacia Boudreau d/b/a Steel House Oven.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Finance Committee Chair Lapointe presented an update on the FY21 Budget process and timeline to City Council. The Finance Committee after reviewing a nearly flat funding Municipal Budget discussed possible issues related to City finances. These issues include a decrease in state revenue sharing and excise tax revenue and the potential for significantly increases for General Assistance and the RSU 2 Budget. The Finance Committee will hear Budget requests from community service organizations and the Hubbard Free Library. The Committee will continue to work on finalizing the FY 2021 Budgets balancing multiple needs with available revenues. It is anticipated that Council will vote on the first

reading of the FY 21 Budgets in June, second reading in July, and a third reading at a Special Council meeting in July.

13. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Arts and Cultural- Report submitted by Deb Fahy and placed on file.
Mayor Walker commented that he will keep the Council informed of upcoming Bicentennial Events.

14. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:

Dr. Scott Schiff-Slater, member of the Board of Health to the Emergency Operations Center Staff.

Scully-Lapointe – Moved that Council approve the Mayor’s appointment.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Motion was unanimously approved

15. CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:

16. Frett-Lapointe-Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Motion was unanimously approved

Diane Polky
City Clerk

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City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Special Meeting

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1. **MAYOR WALKER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6 P.M.**
2. **COUNCILORS DUFOUR, FRETT, SCULLY , CIRCO AND WYNNE SIGNED IN. COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE LAPOINTE AND AU COIN DID NOT ATTEND.**
3. **HALL DALE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARADE:**
Principal Mark Tinkham presented a proposal for a vehicle parade on Water Street and a fireworks display on the evening of Saturday, June 6, 2020. These events will follow six mini graduations at Hall Dale High School for the Class of 2020. Chief Owens presented the permitting process for the fireworks.

Dufour- Frett- Motion that Council approve the application for a vehicle parade on Water Street June 6, 2020. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Councilors-at-Large Lapointe and AuCoin did not answer. Motion was unanimously approved
4. **OTHER BUSINESS:** *None*
5. **Frett-Dufour-Moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.**
Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Councilors-at –Large Lapointe and AuCoin did not answer. Motion was unanimously approved

*Diane Polky
City Clerk*

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