

CITY OF HALLOWELL, MAINE

City Council Meeting Minutes of the March 30, 2020 Special Meeting

VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING-DETAILS BELOW

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1. MAYOR WALKER 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 and City Solicitor Amy Tchao signed in.

Mayor Walker asked Councilor Lapointe for an update from the Finance Committee. Councilor Lapointe, Chair of Finance Committee briefed the Council on the Committee's March 26th meeting discussion topics: Impacts of COVID-19 emergency on the City's revenues, Changes needed to the City's Budget Process, and Potential assistance to Hallowell small businesses. The Committee will move ahead with two Budget scenarios; (1) Flat Budget, (2) Budget with a five percent reduction. Councilor Lapointe sent an article from the Maine State treasurer about Maine's readiness to meet COVID-19 economic challenges.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lapointe-Scully-Motioned that Council enter into Executive Session under MRSA Title 1 Section 405.6.A for Personnel Matters. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call. Motion was unanimously approved

Scully-Circo-Moved that Council exit Executive Session under MRSA Title 1 Section 405.6.A for Personnel Matters after 150 minutes. Motion was unanimously approved

4. CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT:

City Manager Rudy appointed Scott MacMaster to Police Chief of the Hallowell Police Department.

Scully-Circo-Motion that Council ratify the City Manager's appointment.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

6 Yea (Lapointe, AuCoin, Dufour, Frett, Scully, Circo, Wynne) 1 Nay (AuCoin) Motion approved

5. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:

The City Emergency Operations Staff, which includes the City's elected officials, will review the Emergency Operations Plan submitted on March 20, and City Ordinances related to the Emergency Operations Plan (Chapters 4 and 12).

City Solicitor Tchao gave the Council her observations of the inconsistencies in language between Chapter 4 and 12 of the revised Ordinances of the City of Hallowell. She identified the lack of clarity in the check of balances of the authorities of the City Council and City Manager in an emergency. Discussion followed. Council decided to meet more regularly at this time.

6. Lapointe-Circo- Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion was unanimously approved

Diane Polky
City Clerk

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