

Motion Made and Seconded for Approval of Consent
Agenda

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 186-2020 ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY POWERS ORDINANCE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 196-2020 AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 190-2020 (SEARCH
COMMITTEE)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate John Robinson,
Ward 2

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke

Councilors Voting No: None

Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Chris Gaunce,
Ward 4

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Mayhew, Foss, Francke

Councilors Voting No: Oliveira

Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote: All in Favor (4-1)

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Volodymyr
Kurylol, Ward 3

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Mayhew, Foss

Councilors Voting No: Oliveira, Francke

Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote (3-2)

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Marilyn Canavan,
Ward 2

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke

Councilors Voting No: None

Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Lisa Evans, Ward
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Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke

Councilors Voting No: None

Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Rebecca Foss,

Ward 5
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke
Councilors Voting No: None
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)
Motion Made and Seconded to nominate Paula Raymond,
Ward 7
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke
Councilors Voting No: None
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke
Councilors Voting No: None
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

RESOLUTION 197-2020 ACCEPTANCE OF A BID FOR PLAZA REPAIRS

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss,
Thomas
Councilors Voting No: Francke
Vote: (5-1)

ORDER 198-2020 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY (AIRPORT ROAD)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 199-2020 BID AWARD FOR MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 200-2020 EXTENSION OF OUTDOOR DINING

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilor Thomas shared that he had heard concerns
that there should be time for public input but noted
that all of the neighbors should be aware of this by
now.
Mayor Isgro agreed and added that when this was
discussed in the spring that no one else wanted this
space.

Councilor Mayhew agreed and noted that outdoor dining is critical during COVID.

Councilor Francke applauded Jennifer Bergeron for wanting to improve the downtown buy said that the process hasn't been good to all downtown businesses and expressed interest in tabling this to the next meeting.

Isgro agreed and said that only some people have come forward with ideas and that there needs to be finality at some point. Isgro also noted that a lease will need to be discussed because this space can't be free forever.

Councilor Thomas added that the outdoor dining on Silver Street is free.

Councilor Francke pointed out that these changes were allowed during the pandemic but that it is premature to move ahead with long-term changes to the Concourse layout at this time.

Councilor Foss asked to hear from the restaurant owners.

Jennifer Bergeron reiterated that they can't go to the state for approval without something from the city.

Ms. Bergeron pointed out that this has been discussed for three meetings and that everyone has had time to consider this and that they need time to plan.

Councilor Thomas read an email from restaurant owner Kevin Joseph who questioned the process and why permanent structures were being allowed.

Jennifer Bergeron noted that she had talked with the neighbors but they weren't interested in the space and that she couldn't delay in getting approval.

Charlie Giguere questioned why we needed to rush to judgement and why there were walls and roofs being considered. Mr. Giguere said that he wants an equitable arrangement for extended seating and that we need an overall plan for this.

Councilor Thomas asked for a rendering or plan of what is being proposed by the Lion's Den and noted that we need to work with the other restaurants on Main street.

Mr. Giguere clarified that his main concern is parking

Councilor Morris noted that the city had approved a plan for the Concourse that added the least amount of parking spaces but added that the plan could be looked at again.

Councilor Foss questioned whether walls and a roof would be added.

Ms. Bergeron said that it was just an idea and that they had no final plans yet.

Mayor Isgro clarified that what was being voted on included a fee and that no permanent structures would be built.

Councilor Foss asked Mr. Giguere whether he intended to continue dining in the street. Mr. Giguere said

that they did not want that extension in the winter. Councilor Francke summarized that Kevin Joseph had an issue with the procedure and noted that the Planning Board could be used to deal with private owners using public property.

Councilor Oliveira asked whether the Lion's Den would be integrating events with the community.

Erica Pelotte, do-owner of the Lion's Den, said that they have many ideas but that nothing is set in stone. Ms. Bergeron added that they may use the space only part-time, but just want the opportunity but that they have to be approved first.

Councilor Thomas expressed an interest in tabling for two weeks to allow more time for input.

Councilor Mayhew that that we've been very accommodating and that other businesses can come forward with their ideas, adding that there is no need to table.

Councilor Foss agreed adding that we can work through the winter to have more conversations.

Motion Made and Seconded to Table to the Next Meeting
Councilors Voting Yes: Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss
Vote: (2-4) (Fails)

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: Francke
Vote: (5-1)

RESOLUTION 201-2020 AUTHORIZING A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 202-2020 AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 203-2020 ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to Waive Cloture to Consider
Order 204-2020

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 204-2020

ACCEPTANCE OF A COLBY COLLEGE DONATION

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

DISCUSSION ITEM

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilor Foss asked when all City Councilors could meet again in the same room. Councilors Francke noted that no one in attendance at the meeting was wearing masked and that he is immune compromised and would participate remotely.

Foss asked if he was concerned with meeting a threshold regarding a certain number of cases, or a certain number of deaths. Francke responded that he was looking for a certain number of masks.

Councilor Oliveira explained that he son had had a procedure and that when she feels comfortable that she will attend in person.

Discussion ensued regarding whether there was a need to continue the live stream and Francke noted that it was a good way to get a message out to the public. Councilor Oliveira added that the elderly appreciate the live stream.

DISCUSSION ITEM

PROPOSED TEMPORARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION

City Manager Roy stated that the Children's Discovery Museum (former Congregational Church) on Eustis Parkway has agreed to allow us use of the space for meeting until the spring. All agreed to give this location a try on September 15th, but Councilor Thomas noted that we need a long-term solution for a meeting space.

COUNCILOR UPDATES

Mayor Isgro questioned whether there would be an opportunity for the public to give input regarding the BUILD Grant and the fact that sidewalks on Main Street are not equal widths and said that the City Council should look into making this change. City Manager Roy said that the restaurants were meeting with the MDOT via Zoom on September 17th and that our contract design must be completed.

Mayor Isgro said that lawmakers had an understanding that marijuana caregivers were to be exempted from licensing because caregivers are confidential that said that we should amend our ordinance to remove caregivers.

Councilor Francke said that we should not act until the law is amended.

Mike Roy said that MMA can't assign away our rights and that Bill Lee says we can license them.

Councilor Thomas acknowledged those who reached out regarding Cathy weeks and explained that there is a legal process underway and that it is not appropriate to comment on the allegations.

Councilor Foss shared that there had been some agreement between Dirigo Solar and the Swetts on the Solar Farm on County Road and that it will come back to the City Council later.

Councilor Morris pointed out that the School Board had cut a School Resource Officer and that he wants to work to revive this position. Mayor Isgro questioned whether this was a political cut.

Councilor Oliveira questioned whether Cathy Weeks should step down from the Planning Board. Mayor Isgro said that these are allegations between neighbors and said that the court process will play out.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Ernie Groulimund, Johnson Heights, expressed his concern about woodsmoke as a public health concern and offered information from the DEP. City Manager Roy took the information and said that he will consult with Bill Lee.

Jennifer Bergeron explained that the opposition to licensing caregivers is not about paying the fee, but is about the privacy of the caregiver.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Roy gave the City Council an update on various projects.

Public Works Director Matt Skehan explained that the dual packer truck was being repaired and that they had been forced to comingle trash & recyclables. Skehan noted that the truck would be down for two weeks. Councilor Thomas asked him to make the public aware through a newspaper ad and social media.

Councilor Francke asked if we could put recycling bins at the transfer station, to which Councilor Thomas said that we contract with I Recycle for this service.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn
Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

_____ City Clerk