

TOWN OF ORONO
SPECIAL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 AT 4:30PM
(Immediately followed the Council Workshop)

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call at 6:19pm.

Present: Council Chair Cindy Mehnert, Tom Perry, Laurie Osher, Meghan Gardner, Cheryl Robertson, Terry Greenier, Sam Kunz and Town Manager Sophie Wilson.

2. New Business

Order 20-133 Order, amending the motion previously adopted on 8/10/2020 to, awarding the bid for the Town Office Carpeting (2nd Floor) Project to ~~Carpet One~~ Home Depot of Bangor for \$14,000 to be drawn from the approved FY21 Capital Budget.

Moved by Sam Kunz and seconded by Cheryl Robertson.

Motion to amend by Sam Kunz and seconded by Terry Greenier as follows: Order, amending the motion previously adopted on 8/10/2020 to, awarding the bid for the Town Office Carpeting (2nd Floor) Project to Home Depot of Bangor ~~for \$14,000~~ at a price not to exceed \$15,000 to be drawn from the approved FY21 Capital Budget Facility (\$14,000) and the Municipal Building Operating (up to \$1,000) budgets. All voted in favor of the amendment, 7-0.

All voted in favor of the motion as amended, 7-0.

Order 20-159 Order, accepting grant funds, if awarded, from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) to be used to cover additional expenses related to the 2020 Presidential Election; and, further, to authorize the Town Manager to expend said funds in accordance with grant requirements.

Moved by Sam Kunz and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Ms. Wilson stated the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) is offering non-partisan grants to city and county election offices to support the election services (between June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020). Staff submitted an application for funding and was informed of being

awarded \$9,000 and was later informed of their error and was awarded \$159,025 to assist with the election.

She noted there are very specific parameters for which the funds can be used. Staff will be working with the University of Maine (hosts for the election) to identify needs and potential grant eligible expenses.

Order 20-160 Order, purchasing an Electronic Message Board from Bangor Neon of Bangor in the amount of \$30,151, with 50% paid from the Healthy Maine Grant and 50% paid from the Downtown Transit-Oriented TIF funds.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cheryl Robertson. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Ms. Wilson clarified this is the Keep Maine Healthy Grant, not the Healthy Maine Grant. As previously discussed with Councilors, the Town has been awarded 50% of the cost of purchasing a new electronic message sign to be placed in front of the Municipal/Public Safety Building. A proposed ordinance change that will allow the Town to use this electronic sign (which is otherwise prohibited in the district) has been reviewed in Committee and will be moved forward to Council for public hearing and consideration. In order to be eligible for grant funds, the sign must be purchased before October 31, 2020.

Ms. Robertson asked when the sign would be installed. Ms. Wilson stated it would be as quickly as possible. She clarified it will be closer to the town office than the current sign board.

3. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) for the Town Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

The executive session was not held. The Council agreed to hold the executive session on Monday, October 5, 2020.

4. Adjourn

At 6:04pm, Sam Kunz moved and Tom Perry seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, 7-0.

Minutes are not verbatim. A video-recorded version is available on the Town's website at www.orono.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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