

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 2, 2026

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE CARL L. SHELIN, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Shelin, Councilors Nagine, Longchamps, Harriman, Roy, Noble, Chittim, and Martel, City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath, Deputy City Administrator Brian O'Malley, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (197-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (c) to discuss an Economic Development issue of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:37pm and ended at 7:00 pm.

Regular Meeting began at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

VOTE (198-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2026, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ryn Soule, Ward 5 – The city and the Council are declining, everyone needs to work together for improving the community, the arguing needs to stop.

Ronnie Paradis, Ward 6 – The Ward 5 Councilor wrote something on social media that is offensive to Christians and should apologize. The appointments to the Public Safety Committee will not bring needed change, putting the same people on a committee who all think the same will not help move issues forward. Need a variety of members to debate and come to middle ground. The Mayor does not represent the whole city.

Bill Lundergin, Ward 6 – Councilors need to step up and stop Mayor from inserting his opinion. There is a lot of downtown violence, the police need to step up, deport people if illegal. Why would the city hire a company from Texas to conduct the revaluation? The land value used was two years worth of sales and does not showcase true value.

Marcel Leclair, Ward 5 – Deeply disappointed with comments from Ward 5 Councilor, shows lack of leadership and is disrespectful, the actions were hostile. Lewiston has enough challenges. Need leaders that don't push apart but bring together. Councilor Noble should resign. Need to listen to residents.

Matt Agren, Ward 4 – Anyone has been allowed to comment at the meetings for two years, now it is just Lewiston taxpayers and residents. The Mayor is using the Rules to try to stop victims of the mass shooting from talking if not residents. The School Committee allows the residents to speak first and then anyone may speak. Everyone should watch the interview on The Maine Wire with the Police Chief, the lack of help from the District Attorney regarding recent crimes. Parents need to step up and do parenting. Need State Representatives to advocate in Augusta. Need federal assistance, start with firearms and guns.

Destiny Johnson, Windham, survivor of mass shooting – On May 5, submitted a request to ask what happened to the \$1.9 million, asked for an answer in 30 days, has not heard from anyone. Need clear accounting of the funds. Continued silence raises more questions.

Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – We witness several examples each week of the Council in decline – Council refused to stop Iman Osman, Councilor Chittim saying he will not follow the Charter, Councilor Noble reporting Councilor Martel to Dept of Justice. She then read the statement posted on social media by Councilor Noble. There is a community forum on gun violence at the Calvary Church on Main Street tomorrow night, everyone should attend. Wants an update on the shooting funds.

Andrew Jones, Ward 2 – Many oppose the Flock cameras, used to stop cars on way here from Massachusetts to cause problems. The comments from Councilor Noble on social media are a black eye on the Council. Councilor Noble should resign. Destiny Johnson, shooting survivor, called on the Maine Community Foundation to have the funds returned, the Council can at least ask MCF to do that.

Ray Tutaine, Ward 7 – People are upset. Councilors from Wards 1, 2 and 7 are trying to do the best they can for Lewiston. The Council is a disgrace, the rest of the Councilors should not be on the Council. This is one of the worst council ever. He hears gunshots, sirens, etc and he lives in a good part of the city. Some Councilors said they don't want ICE here but residents do. Sheline and Harriman should resign.

Jess Pauquette, Lewiston – The Mayor has disappointed the city. Father's name is on the veterans' wall. Shame on the Mayor and City Council for not attending the Memorial Day ceremony.

Bob Macdonald, Ward 6 – At past meeting, disrespectful to man speaking whose time was up, did not allow him to continue. Remove the time limit for speakers. Let people talk. This is a public meeting and the public wants to talk.

Adam Jones, Ward 2 – The city mission statement talks about excellence. People want growth, development. Don't see much from ceremonial figure head. Public wants a better Lewiston. The Council is in a powerful position to stop the Mayor, Harriman and Noble from their actions.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator outlined recent staff promotions and retirements. A public presentation on the revaluation is scheduled for June 23. To date, 8.3% of homeowners have scheduled appeal hearings. The primary election is June 9. The Martel housing development will have a ribbon cutting on July 16. Senator Collins recently toured the police station and met with police leadership and discussed the issue of gun violence. June 5 is the graduation for the LHS Class of 2026.

Councilor Nagine asked to remove Items 1 and 2 from the consent agenda, staff asked to have Item 3 removed from the agenda because of new information regarding the property.

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED FOR
REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 58 CENTRAL AVENUE**

VOTE (199-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Authorizing Execution of Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate located at 58 Central Avenue:

Whereas, the former owner, Derek Bates, failed to pay his bills on a timely basis for 58 Central Avenue (Tax Map 194, Lot 107, Parcel 00-003435); and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 19, 2013 (Book 8699 Page 60) and matured on December 19, 2014, in the amount of \$2,780.12; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 13, 2017 (Book 9616 Page 15) and matured on December 13, 2018, in the amount of \$2,589.72; and

Whereas, a tax lien was filed on June 21, 2018 (Book 9864 Page 341) and matured on December 21, 2019, in the amount of \$2,514.14; and

Whereas, payment has been received.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 58 Central Avenue to the owner.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF 68 JONES AVENUE

VOTE (200-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Chittim:

To approve the Order, Approving the Disposition of 68 Jones Avenue:

Whereas, the City Council voted to sell the tax acquired parcel located at 68 Jones Avenue at their 11/19/2013 meeting and

Whereas, the City received an offer for the parcel through the City's Realtor DuBois Realty; and

Whereas, MSH, LLC offered \$5,000 for 68 Jones Avenue

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the disposition of 68 Jones Avenue and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary legal documents.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF 17 WHITE AVENUE

VOTE (201-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Approving the Disposition of 17 White Avenue:

Whereas, the City Council voted to sell the tax acquired parcel located at 17 White Avenue at their 2/25/2020 meeting and

Whereas, the City received an offer for the parcel through the City's Realtor DuBois Realty; and

Whereas, Michael P. Anderson offered \$700 for 17 White Avenue

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the disposition of 17 White Avenue and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary legal documents.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**RESOLVE, APPROVING THE FY27 BUDGET FOR THE LEWISTON
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent Langlais and Phoenix McLaughlin, chair of the School Board, addressed the Council on the highlights of the revised budget - \$1.17 million decrease since the previous budget, \$89 million of the funding comes from the state and \$32 million is local tax money. This budget represents a 4.35% increase from last year's budget.

Ronnie Paradis, Ward 6 – Urged the School Committee and Superintendent to go to Augusta to talk about the rules of restraint.

Bill Lunderson, Ward 6 – There is a \$16 million carry forward from the current budget. The Council has not provided financial direction to the school. 30% of students won't graduate, this is a low performing school system. The budget is not responsible, Council should be leaders.

Stop forcing voters to vote on a budget that is too high.

Andrew Jones, Ward 2 – Asked if budget includes building on Main Street.

Jae Zimmerman, Ward 5 – Teacher in Lewiston public schools. The \$32.8 million of the budget – 30% - is covered by city taxpayers, rest is covered by state. A lot of the fixed costs saw increases – transportation, utilities, etc. Cutting the school budget is hurting children. Past city leadership failed to do revaluation in a timely manner. These are adult mistakes that the children will pay for.

Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – People are looking at losing homes due to high taxes.

Dave Bernier, Ward 6 – Lewiston needs a website like OpenGovBoston which shows transparency and percentage of mil rate increases on their budget.

Nicole LeMay – Executive director of Lewiston non-profit – if the school budget is cut, it will increase costs for youth in the justice system.

VOTE (202-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To adopt the Resolve, Approving the FY27 budget for the Lewiston School Department:

Whereas, pursuant to the City Charter, the Lewiston School Committee prepared and approved a FY27 budget for the Lewiston School Department and submitted that budget to the City Council; and

Whereas, subsequent to the receipt of this budget, the School Committee and the City Council have met to discuss and review it; and

Whereas, as proposed, the School budget meets the local share property tax commitment required by state law; and

Whereas, the City Council must approve the total amount of the School Budget before it can be presented to the voters in a school budget ratification election scheduled for June 9, 2026;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the FY27 budget approved by the Lewiston School Committee as outlined and detailed on the attached Lewiston School Department Budget Articles is hereby adopted, subject to approval of the voters of the City of Lewiston at a budget validation referendum:

FY27 LEWISTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET ARTICLES

EXPENDITURE ARTICLES TO BE APPROVED BY LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$39,639,414 for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

2. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$38,307,052 for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
3. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$5,972,389 for Career and Technical Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
4. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$1,741,474 for Other Instruction, including Summer School and Extracurricular Instruction, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
5. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$9,905,691 for Student and Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
6. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$3,089,177 for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
7. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$4,252,264 for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
8. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$8,345,523 for transportation and Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
9. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$10,214,238 for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
10. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$6,077,021 for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
11. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend \$29,000 for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

REVENUE ARTICLES TO BE APPROVED BY LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL:

12. To see what sum the City will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$98,570,359.19) and to see what sum the City will raise as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15688.

Statutory Recommendation	\$20,341,945.66	Minimum Required
Recommendation	\$20,341,945.66	School Committee

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is

the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the City must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

13. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,514,984 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the City Council for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed to repay the annual payments on Lewiston's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters and/or City Council.

14. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,471,743 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$10,471,743 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee. The School Committee recommends \$10,471,743 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services Funding Model by \$10,471,743: The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not provide sufficient funding to fully cover the actual costs of operating the Lewiston Public Schools.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the City's budget for educational purposes.

TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET ARTICLE TO BE APPROVED BY LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL:

15. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend the sum of \$127,573,243 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

OTHER REVENUES TO BE APPROVED BY LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL:

16. To authorize the Lewiston School Committee to expend additional State, Federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2026-2027 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated.

ADULT EDUCATION TO BE APPROVED BY LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL:

17. To appropriate the sum of \$918,014 for Adult Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and to raise the sum of \$556,504.00 as the local share for adult education, with authorization to expend any additional incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Martel opposed.)

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW HOMELESS SHELTER LICENSE FOR K.K. SHELTER CORP., DBA ALTER L/A TRANSITIONAL SHELTER, 70 HORTON STREET, AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

Kevin Boilard and Linda Scott, managers of the shelter, along with Gabby Russell, architect, made a presentation to the Council.

Mayor Sheline opened the hearing to receive public input on this item.

Matt Agren, Ward 4 – Sat on the previous Homeless Ad Hoc Committee with Councilor Roy, has worked with Kevin Boilard. Many homeless are in the city, some came here because of the shelter but most here because Lewiston is a service center.

Adam Jones, Ward 2 – Commend Councilor Martel for raising valid points about the need for a Certificate of Occupancy for the building first, three departments who need to sign off are not recommending approving the license at this time, should follow standards set in ordinance first.

Sam Chamberlain, Ward 5 – Supports shelter, supports funding of shelter, need to raise funds before can build.

Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – Three city departments recommended not to approve, put ideology aside, if Code, Fire, and Police say no, it should not be a debate.

Councilor Roy recused himself, noting he served on the city's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee regarding Shelters and felt it would be a conflict of interest to vote on this item.

VOTE (203-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

To postpone the hearing until the applicant has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy.

Did Not Pass - Vote 1-6 (Councilor Martel in favor, rest opposed)

VOTE (204-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

Whereas, the City has an ordinance regulating the licensing of homeless shelters, and

Whereas, K. K. Shelter Corp., dba Alter L/A Transitional Shelter, has submitted an application for a homeless shelter at 70 Horton St, and

Whereas, city staff has deemed the application to be complete and the Police Department, Fire Department and Planning & Code Enforcement Department have all submitted their recommendations as required by the ordinance and city policy manual, and

Whereas, the City Council has held a public hearing as required by ordinance and received public comment and input on the application,

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the Lewiston City Council that the City Council hereby approves the business license for a homeless shelter for K. K. Shelter Corp., dba Alter L/A Transitional Shelter, 70 Horton Street, pending compliance and completion of the following conditions to be determined complete by the applicable city staff:

1. Maximum Bed Capacity Constraint: The total capacity of the shelter shall be strictly capped at forty-nine (49) beds. Any expansion beyond this number shall require formal Planning Board re-approval and a subsequent amendment before the City Council.
2. Commercial Building Permit Prerequisite: No structural reconstruction, framing, or code-impacted interior alterations shall occur on the premises until the applicant has successfully completed exploratory work, submitted final plans, and been issued an active Commercial Building Permit.
3. Comprehensive Engineering Plan Submission: The applicant's architect or design professional must submit code-compliant structural blueprints, trade plans (plumbing, electrical, mechanical), and architectural elevations to the building inspector for formal plan review prior to construction build-out.
4. Mandatory Certificate of Occupancy: The facility shall remain strictly prohibited from housing shelter guests until construction is finalized, a successful final building inspection is performed, and a formal Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Code Enforcement Office.
5. Property Maintenance Code Certification: Prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy or operational sign-off, the facility must successfully pass an inspection verifying complete compliance with Chapter 18, Article III (Property Maintenance Code) for both the interior and exterior of the licensed premises.
6. Food Service and On-Site Kitchen Restrictions: In accordance with the applicant's temporary Meal Partnership Plan, no cooking or on-site food preparation shall occur until

a certified commercial kitchen is built and approved. Until a local food license is obtained, all guest meals must be prepared off-site in inspected kitchens by partner agencies and safely transported to the shelter.

7. Administrative Quarterly Review Meetings: In compliance with Section 22-456, the shelter operators shall participate in quarterly operational meetings conducted at the facility alongside representatives from Code Enforcement, the Police Department, and City Administration to directly address ongoing community and neighborhood safety concerns.

8. Approval by the State Fire Marshall's Office that the building and property are in compliance with state fire codes.

9. Consideration by the City Council of the recommendation from the Lewiston Police Department that the shelter prioritize shelter access to community members who have a vested interest in the area.

10. The shelter operators (staff and/or board) shall hold bimonthly meetings open to the City Council and public to discuss issues and programs of the shelter.

Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Martel opposed; Councilor Roy recused himself, and the Mayor cast a vote as permitted under the Charter.)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR THE LIBERTY FESTIVAL

Mayor Sheline opened the hearing, no members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (205-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Liberty Festival event, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the Liberty Festival organization for outdoor music concerts for the Festival to be held at Veterans Memorial Park on July 2-7, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR AN OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERT IN SIMARD PAYNE MEMORIAL PARK

Mayor Sheline opened the hearing, no members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (206-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Rare Breed concert, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to Northeast Apostolic Ministries for an outdoor music concert to be held at Simard Payne Memorial Park on July 31, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances.

Passed - Vote 7-0 (Councilor Noble was absent from the Chambers during the vote, so the Mayor cast a vote in her absence.)

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING AND LAND USE CODE, ARTICLE XI, DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE NO NAME POND CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT TO CLARIFY BUFFER LANGUAGE

Motion made by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article XI, District Regulations for changes to the No Name Pond Conservation Overlay District to clarify buffer language receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Councilor Chittim offered an amendment to remove the proposed language, keep the current language and add a Section 7 to read: "Any work resulting in soil disturbance within the buffers shall comply with the requirements of the Maine Stormwater Best Practices Manual, Volume III. BMP Technical Design Manual, published by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection."

VOTE (207-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

To refer this matter back to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation regarding Councilor Chittim's suggested amendments. Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Chittim opposed)

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Sheline opened the public hearing to receive citizen comment.

Adam Jones, Ward 2 – Thank you to Ward 2 Councilor for having a voice on the issue of appointments.

Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – Council should dissolve the committee and start over; need different voices on committee.

Mayor Sheline then closed the hearing.

VOTE (208-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

That the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 “Administration”, Sections 230-235, “Public Safety Committee”, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION ORDINANCE TO ADD TWO NEW LOCATIONS TO THE LIST OF CITY-OWNED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Mayor Sheline opened the hearing, no members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (209-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 “Parks and Recreation” to add North Temple Pickleball Courts, located at 55 North Temple Road, and South Lewiston Little League Field, located at 20 Martin Drive, to the list of city-owned recreational facilities, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE FY2027 LEWISTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BOND ISSUE ORDER

Mayor Sheline opened the hearing, no members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (210-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To hold a public hearing and adopt the FY2027 Lewiston Capital Improvement Bond Issue Order, Authorizing the Issuance of \$39,578,153 in FY2027 Public Improvement Bonds and Making an Appropriation for Certain Capital Projects:

ORDERED, That \$39,578,153 be appropriated for financing the following FY2027 projects in the Lewiston Capital Improvement Program:

PROJECT	AMOUNT
CITY:	
Continental Mill TIF	1,000,000
Lowell Street Development TIF	850,000
Lisbon Street Fire Station Replacement Project	7,041,687

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Take Home Vehicles	4,266,226
City Hall Building - Kitchen & Bathroom Repairs/Renovations	55,000
Library - HVAC System Upgrades	600,000
Sidewalk Maintenance & Rehabilitation	850,000
Street Maintenance Program	6,000,000
Bridge St Bridge	200,000
MDOT - Bates Street - Main Street to Ash Street	53,240
MDOT - Locally Administered State Funded Pedestrian Imp	100,000
Municipal Garage Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	1,639,500
Kennedy Park Rehabilitation	317,500
Sunnyside Park Renovations	300,000
	23,273,153
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Educational Space for Growing Enrollments	5,000,000
LHS Roof Replacement	700,000
LMS Roof Replacement	400,000
District Bathrooms	1,000,000
Replacement of School Zone Lights	250,000
ADA Upgrades LMS/ Montello	200,000
District Door/Window Renovations	200,000
Montello Fire Alarm	330,000
LPS Lighting Upgrades	1,500,000
	9,580,000
WATER DIVISION:	
Distribution Water Main Replacement/Rehabilitation	2,400,000
Water Pump Stations	500,000
	2,900,000
SEWER DIVISION:	
Rehabilitation of Old Sanitary Sewer Mains & Manholes	1,200,000
Collection System Inspection & Rehabilitation	725,000
Sewer Pump Station & Generator Replacement	400,000
	2,325,000
STORM WATER DIVISION:	
Storm Drain Inspection	350,000
Storm Drains for Road Rehabilitation Projects	700,000
Gully Brook Drainage Area	450,000
	1,500,000
TOTAL	
	39,578,153

FURTHER ORDERED, That to meet this appropriation, \$39,578,153 shall be raised by Public Improvement Bond Issue(s);

FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council instruct the Finance Director to advertise for bids for \$39,578,153 or increments thereof, Public Improvement Bonds; to award the loan; and to employ Troutman Pepper Locke to furnish the legal opinion for the same; provided that in the alternative, the Finance Director is authorized to award the loan to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the bonds shall be signed by the City Treasurer and Mayor;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place or places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Finance Director under the advice of UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc.;

FURTHER ORDERED, That bonds issued hereunder may be subject to call for redemption on such terms as may be determined by the Finance Director; and

FURTHER ORDERED, On or before the call date, the Finance Director is authorized to refund/advance refund any bond series if a net present value benefit is derived.

Passed - Vote 5-2 (Councilors Roy and Chittim opposed)

**DANGEROUS BUILDING HEARING FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT
70 RIVER STREET**

Director of Planning & Code Enforcement Jon Connor and Code Enforcement Officer Travis Tardiff presented photos and documents emphasizing the need for the condemnation, citing unhealthy, unsafe, and unsanitary conditions.

VOTE (211-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Martel:

With regard to the property at 70 River Street, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order proposed by the City Planning and Code Enforcement Department, which Order established the corrective action to be taken by the property owner and the time frame for taking such action, and which authorized the City Administrator to take such corrective action if the property owner fails to do so, and to recoup the City's costs through a special tax or collective action. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION TO CENSURE CITY COUNCILOR SCOTT HARRIMAN OF WARD 3

Adam Jones, Ward 2 – Urges support of the Resolution, saying it is not about politics but about standards, professional transparency and representation. Serving in public office is a privilege, expects civility when the public shows up to a meeting.

Andrew Jones, Ward 2 – This will be the third censure for Councilor Harriman, he breaks laws when discussing city business, not engaged when on dais.

Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – The Council is inconsistent in how it applies consequences, more concerned with lack of representation.

VOTE (212-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To adopt the Resolution to Censure City Councilor Scott Harriman of Ward 3:

Whereas, the Rules of the City Council require each Councilor to behave with civility and decorum; and

Whereas, the Rules explicitly require that each “councilor may speak only after being recognized by the Presiding Officer, shall confine remarks to the question under debate, direct comments to the Presiding Officer unless otherwise granted permission, and avoid all indecorous language or reference to personalities”; and

Whereas, during the Council workshop held on May 12th, Councilor Harriman interrupted Councilor Longchamps and engaged her directly as she held the floor; and

Whereas, during this unauthorized engagement with Councilor Longchamps, he was heard using obscene language; and

Whereas, such behavior lies far outside the bounds of civility and decorum.

Now therefore, it is resolved by the City Council that Councilor Harriman is hereby censured for his failure to adhere to the Rules of the City Council.

Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors Nagine, Harriman and Noble opposed)

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$80,000 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AT
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LEWISTON AREA PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMITTEE TO FUND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR ABILITY TO
INCREASE NEEDED PROGRAMING OR CREATING NEW PROGRAMS TO
COMBAT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN OUR COMMUNITY**

VOTE (213-2026)

Motion by Councilor Longchamps, seconded by Councilor Noble:

To increase the amount allotted to Dirigo Health Partners from \$60,700 to \$80,000

Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Martel opposed)

VOTE (214-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the use of \$80,000 opioid settlement funds at the recommendation of the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee to fund service organizations in their ability to increase needed programming or creating new programs to combat substance use disorder in our community:

Whereas, The Opioid response services panel formed by the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee reviewed proposals from five applicants.

Whereas, the Opioid response services panel is recommending that two of the five proposals be funded

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered, that the Lewiston City Council hereby approves awarding of funds received from the City's direct participation in the class action lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies who manufactured and distributed opioid addicting medications and drugs for the following items:

- Healthy Androscoggin - \$19,300
- Dirigo Health Partners-\$80,000

Passed - Vote 6-1 (Councilor Martel opposed)

**ORDER, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE LEWISTON CITY CHARTER,
ARTICLE 2, SUBSECTION 6.07 COUNCIL ACTION ON BUDGET**

VOTE (215-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Proposing Amendments to the Lewiston City Charter, Article 2, Subsection 6.07 Council action on budget:

Whereas, Section 6.07 of the Lewiston City Charter was amended by voter referendum, December 2nd, 2021, to insert a new subsection (e) and re-letter the remaining subsections, and

Whereas, a reference to "subsection (g)" in a subsequent section was not replaced with "subsection (h)", and

Whereas, this oversight may be rectified by a simple amendment to the Charter,

Now, therefore, it is ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston

- A. That an amendment to the City Charter to correct an error should be considered.
- B. That the following question be submitted to the voters at the regular Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026:

"Shall the municipality approve the charter modification as described in the summary below?"

- C. That, upon passage, this Order shall constitute the Report of the Municipal Officers and shall be filed in the City Clerk's Office.
- D. That the City Council finds that it is not practical to print the proposed amendment on the ballot and a summary of the proposed amendment would not misrepresent the subject of the proposed amendment.
- E. That, pursuant to the finding in D above, the City Clerk is hereby instructed to include the attached SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT in lieu of the text of the proposed amendment.

- F. The Charter Amendment shall become effective thirty (30) days after approval.
- G. The Proposed Amendment to the Charter is as shown below:

Proposed Charter Amendment

Sec. 6.07(i) is amended as follows:

(d) *Exception:* When deemed necessary by the city council, the provisions of subsection ~~(g)~~ (h) of this section may be waived by five affirmative votes of the municipal officers.

Deletions of the existing Charter provisions are struck through, additions are underlined.

ATTACHMENT TO ORDER
SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

This amendment will correct an error introduced when the Charter was amended in 2021 to address Council action on the school budget.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF UP TO \$40,000 FROM THE NEW ENGLAND
CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT (NECEC) TAX INCREMENT FINANCE (TIF)
ACCOUNT, SECTION 1**

Homeowner thanked the Council for their help and support, noted this is his wife's first house and means a lot to her.

VOTE (216-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Authorizing Use of up to \$40,000 from the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Account, Section I:

Whereas, the State of Maine, Department of Economic and Community Development, approved partial use of environmental TIF funding for the repair and replacement cost of 6 Diamond Court under section I, Within the Municipality, of the approved NECEC TIF District dated July 31, 2025.

Whereas, the city is prepared to pay up to \$40,000 for environmental damages associated with a water main break at 6 Diamond Court.

Whereas, the water main break is considered an "act of God" which refers to an unforeseeable, uncontrollable event that cannot be prevented by reasonable care. Water main breaks, especially in areas with aging infrastructure, are sometimes cited as such because they are not the result of a homeowner's maintenance or actions

Whereas, District revenues are to be identified and deposited/held in a dedicated Development

Program Fund (DPF) account.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of not to exceed \$40,000 is hereby approved for partial use of environmental TIF funding for the repair and replacement of 6 Diamond Court under section I, within the Municipality of the approved NECEC TIF District dated July 31, 2025.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

VOTE (217-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To appoint Tyler Young to the Board of Assessment Review, for a three-year term, said term to expire December 17, 2028. Passed - Vote 7-0

UPDATE FROM THE LEWISTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Due to the late hour, this presentation was moved to the June 16 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public offered comment at this time.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Martel – Invited Council to the community conversation at Calvary Church at 7pm tomorrow night, topic will be the increasing gun violence.

Councilor Harriman – June is Pride Month. On June 7, there will be the Great Falls Pride Festival.

Councilor Nagine – The Public Health Committee will be meeting next Thursday, their meeting is open to the public.

Councilor Martel – Asked the process if a Councilor has a concern with another Councilor, it was noted it should be reported to the Mayor and Council President.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Longchamps – Asked to have an item on the next agenda to limit meetings to a 9pm or 10pm ending time or to limit the number of items on each agenda; the City Administrator noted this was proposed a few meetings ago and voted down.

Councilor Nagine – The Council needs to schedule more meetings given the volume of items on the agenda of late.

Councilor Roy – Suggested the order of the agenda items should be changed. It was noted it is defined in the Council Rules.

Councilor Harriman – Asked for status update on pending questions posed to City Administration – multi-unit rental properties and size of trash cans, transition from warming center to shelter, developing policy for use of AI in workplace by city employees, policy on partnership with city employees and content creators.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

VOTE (218-2026)

Motion by Councilor Chittim, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 12:07am and ended at 1:15am

VOTE (219-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To adjourn at 1:15A.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine