

**Office of the Council Clerk
City of Gardiner, Maine**

**Thursday, March 3, 2005
Executive Session 7:00 PM
Regular Council Meeting 7:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rines called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Jean Dellert, District 3
Dennis Doiron, At-Large
Lewis Benner, At-Large

Philip Hart, District 4
Richard Rambo, District 2
Mayor Brian Rines
Jeffrey Kobrock, City Manager
Molly Gallant, Council Clerk

Councilors Colwell & Webster absent

Motion by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Hart to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

Vote: 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (D)
Labor Negotiations**

Out of Session at 7:50 pm
Mayor Rines stated that the Council will review again at a later date.

Roll Call

Jean Dellert, District 3
Dennis Doiron, At-Large
Lewis Benner, At-Large

Philip Hart, District 4
Rebecca Colwell, At Large
Richard Rambo, District 2
Mayor Brian Rines
Jeffrey Kobrock, City Manager
Molly Gallant, Council Clerk

Councilor Webster absent

**4. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC
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4.1 Public Hearing - Resolution 05-05, Northwest Quadrant Financing.

Public Hearing opened at 7:50 pm.

A sum not to exceed \$540,900 is to be appropriated for permanent public improvements to the City of Gardiner including but not limited to the full depth road reconstruction, storm drain and sewer replacement and new sidewalks in the Northwest Quadrant of the City of Gardiner (the "Project").

The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 pm

4.2 Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the Agenda (Please limit comments to five minutes.)

Cindy Sirois spoke to the Council concerning signage on Route 201. Ms. Sirois asked at the February 17th meeting to have the Code Enforcement Officer to review the issue, and wondered why it was not on this weeks agenda. Manager Kobrock stated that the Code Enforcement Officer will be looking at this and reporting back at a later date.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of Accepting February 2005 Warrants

#32	2/03/05	032406-032459	\$ 167575.21
#33	2/10/05	032460-032558	\$ 569581.60
#34	2/17/05	032559-032615	\$ 92463.42
#35	2/24/05	032616-032656	\$ 334265.23

5.2 Consideration of Councilor Webster Signing March 2005 Warrants.

Motion by Councilor Rambo and seconded by Councilor Dellert to accept Consent Agenda Items 5.1 -5.2.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

Mayor Rines asked if the Council had any objections to taking an item out of order, there were none.

Presentation of Recommendations from the Waterfront Task Force

The Waterfront Task Force, chaired by Father Jack Fles presented the final design for Phase #1 of the Waterfront Redevelopment Project. The group has unanimously endorsed the design as proposed. The project will implement many of the recommendations outlined in Planning Decision's 2004 Economic Analysis Report and create a vibrant economic engine for the Downtown.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.2 Discussion of Solid Waste.

Pat Gilbert, City Services Director explored the City's options on Solid Waste Disposal with Hatch Hill. Leslie Jones from Hatch Hill spoke to the Council.

Differential in Tipping Fees and Per Capita Fees.

In one sense there already is a differential in tipping fees. A customer pays \$70.00 a ton for general rubbish that ends up in the Landfill. \$50.00 a ton for shingles and wood products, \$30.00 a ton for household recyclables.

Advisory Group

Much like we do with the Ambulance Advisory Board and Wastewater Advisory would be to establish a Hatch Hill Advisory Committee made up of representatives from the participating communities. Pat Gilbert pointed out that there was a loosely established advisory committee for Hatch Hill in the early 90's, it was largely unsuccessful because of lack of participation. A more formal arrangement with appointment by the legislative body would establish a committee that could address many of the issues the City is thinking about now. How do you get residents to use color coded bags for general rubbish and household recyclables. How do the waste haulers and Hatch Hill track our waste stream so the benefits can be passed on to the customer/taxpayer in the form or reduced hauler fees and reduced per capita fees. Advanced notice and involvement during a time when increases are being considered.

6.3 Report from Joint Management Team: WWTP Project and Future Staffing Needs.

Manager Kobrock stated that this item is a budget item, and is an informational item. It was agreed that the Management Team was to discuss issues that are potential in common with the Water District, the data was in this weeks packet. There will be a part-time position that will be made into a full-time position with the difference being a \$7500 increase, which is figured into the budget.

6.4 Consideration of Second Reading of Resolution 05-05, Northwest Quadrant Financing.

Motion by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Dellert to accept Second Reading of Resolution 05-05, Northwest Quadrant Financing.

Vote: 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes (Mayor not voting on Bonds)

6.1 Discussion of Draft FY 06 Goal Statement.

Deferred to later date.

Addendum Item

Motion by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Rambo to put Addendum Item 1 onto to the agenda.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

1. Consideration of Order 05-06, Authorizing Participation in MDOT Route 201 Project.

The City Manager is authorized to participate in the design and bidding of approximately 1400 feet of sidewalk replacement and manhole rehabilitation in conjunction with a MDOT Rt. 201/24 paving/preservation project.

Motion by Councilor Dellert and seconded by Councilor Rambo to put Accept Order 05-06, Authorizing Participation in MDOT Route 201 Project.

Vote: 7 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

7. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Kobrock stated that the Council has two invitations on March 17th, one being the Gardiner Board of Trade's Annual Meeting at EJ Prescott. The School Board is also meeting that evening about the Pray Street School closure, and what the future impact of the Recreation Department. There will be no Council meeting on the 17th.

There were three CDBG grants not funded this year, we will research the reasons.

8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Dellert thanked the Public Works Department for all the snow removal. Councilor Dellert also remarked about the deaths of David Mansir and Benny Reehl they will greatly missed.

Councilor Rambo stated that the Organizational Analysis Committee had its second meeting last evening. There are very good dynamics with the group. There will a questionnaire that will be given out to many in the community, the Council will be asked to give out 20 questionnaires randomly.

Councilor Colwell stated that she will be away on the 17th of March. Councilor Colwell also asked if the meetings could be started earlier in the evening, seeing that they are

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running so late. Mayor Rines stated that it has been tried in the past, and meetings ran just as long.

Councilor Benner asked when the grant for combining WWTP will be on the agenda, Manager Kobrock stated that it would be on the 15th of March.

Councilor Hart about the Anthony Auto inspection.

Mayor Rines stated that the Council should not be sending out group emails unless copying emails, like most council documents, are public record. One should protect oneself by sending to the Kennebec Journal and the Capital Weekly.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rines adjourned the meeting at 10:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Gallant
Council Clerk