

**May 06, 2024**

**Agenda**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**265 Main Street, Old Town, Maine**

**I. Call to Order**

Please turn off or silence cell phones

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

April 16, 2024, Financial Services and Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**V. Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests**

**VI. Reports**

**A. Council President**

**B. Standing Committees –  
Administrative, Economic, Finance, & Public Services**

**C. City Councilors**

**D. City Attorney**

**E. Special Committees**

**F. City Manager**

- FY 2025 Budget presentation.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

1. The City Council will consider accepting the renewal application for a Victualer's License for Energy North Inc, d/b/a Tradewinds, located at 671 Stillwater Ave, Old Town.

**Suggested motion:** Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal of a Victualer's License permit for Energy North Inc, d/b/a Tradewinds, located at 671 Stillwater Ave, Old Town.

**(Councilor McLeod)**

## **VIII. Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances**

### **IX. Old Business**

1. The City Council will consider conveying an easement to a dwelling at 821 Main Street, the easement goes across City owned property located at 811 Main Street. (Easement and information attached)

**Suggested motion:** Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves conveying an easement to a dwelling at 821 Main Street, the easement goes across City owned property located at 811 Main Street and further authorizes the City Manager to take all steps necessary to complete the necessary legal paperwork.

**(Councilor Mike May)**

### **X. New Business**

1. The City Council will consider signing and accepting the CCL (Citizen's Climate Lobby) draft proposal for an Old Town Resolution supporting the Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act (HR 5744).

**Suggested motion:** Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby signs and approves the CCL (Citizen's Climate Lobby) draft proposal for an Old Town Resolution supporting the Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act (HR 5744). (Resolution attached)

**(Councilor Folster)**

2. The City Council will consider a recommendation from Airport Director Lance Farrar, to approve the Hangar development electrical service at Dewitt Field. The total cost of the project is \$161,500.00 to include all labor and materials for said project. Funds for this project would come from account 09-520-25-5300 Airport Hangar Reserve.

**Suggested motion:** Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby approves the Hangar development electrical service at Dewitt Field. The total cost of the project is \$161,500.00, to include all labor and materials for said project. Funds for this project would come from account 09-520-25-5300 Airport Hangar Reserve.

**(Councilor Wight)**

3. The City Council will consider accepting a Late Redemption on foreclosed property for Tobi Smith, 777 Stillwater Ave. Lot 54, for payment of 2022 & 2023 Real Estate Taxes in the total amount of \$746.74, which includes all interest and lien costs.

**Suggested motion:** Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts a Late Redemption on foreclosed property for Tobi Smith, 777 Stillwater Ave. Lot 54, for payment of 2022 & 2023 Real Estate Taxes in the total amount of \$746.74, which includes all interest and lien costs. The Old Town City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

**(Councilor Carol May)**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

# ENERGY INOVATION CARBON DIVIDEND ACT RESOULTION

We, the Old Town Council, hereby call upon our Federal elected representatives to enact the **Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act (HR5744)**.

Enacting H.R. 5744 will encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous Nation for our current and future generations. It will also protect Maine from the costs and environmental risks of particularly hazardous weather patterns including increased temperatures and lengthening droughts, flooding, raging fires, destructive storms, hurricanes, melting glaciers leading to increased sea levels, and warming oceans destroying ocean habitat.

Creation of a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund, with monies to be distributed monthly or quarterly to the American people, will make markets more efficient, create jobs, and stimulate competition, innovation, and technological progress that will benefit all Americans and future generations. Enacting a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund program will help decrease reliance on fossil fuels, aid in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keep local energy dollars in Maine's economy.

The concept of carbon pricing and dividends has been championed by US economists as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety and the safety of our planet.

H. R. 5744 solves a nationwide problem, does not create any new agencies, is revenue neutral and benefits almost all the American people. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our residents and for the protection of Maine's natural resources from which we all benefit.

Within 30 days, the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to the Old Town State Legislatures, to the Governor of Maine, to the Old Town House and Senate Congressional Representatives, and to the President of the United State informing them of the recommendations from the Old Town Council.

**ADOPTED ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **by the Old Town Council. Ayes are indicated by signatures below**

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Christian Pushor

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Michael May

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Carol May

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David Wight

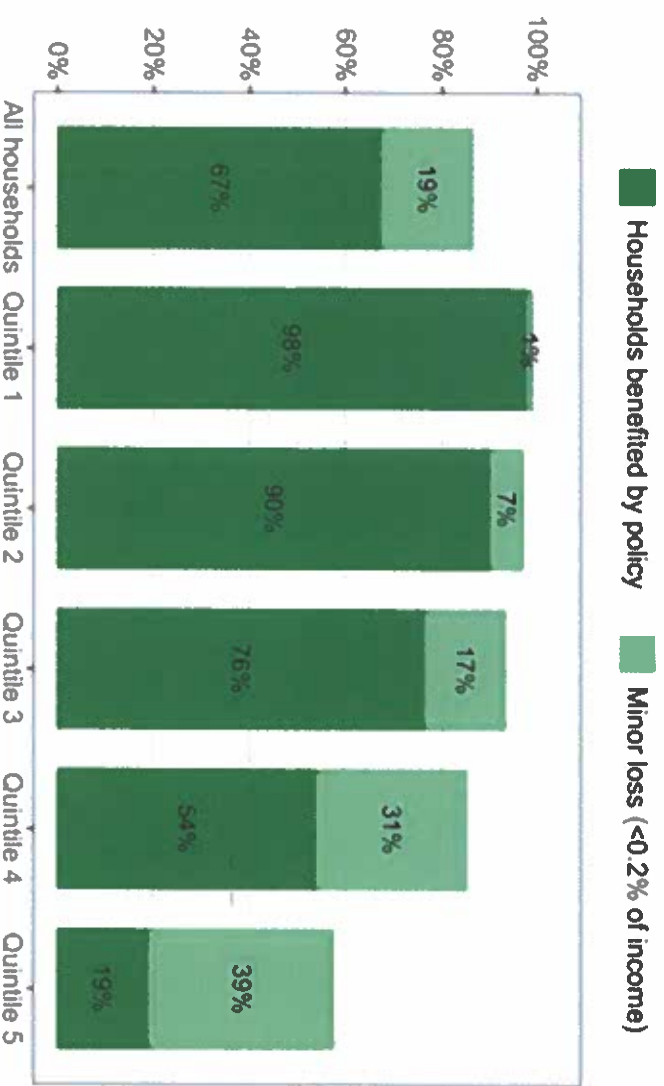
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Stanley Peterson

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Linda McLeod

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Timothy Folster

# Carbon Cash-Back Promotes Equity

Lower-income households on average have smaller carbon footprints and would be net beneficiaries of a carbon fee and cash-back dividend.



Percent of households whose carbon dividends exceed carbon costs, ranked by consumption quintile. The lighter green denotes a “minor loss,”

## How will the proposed Carbon Cashback policy affect families?

Case 1: 10<sup>th</sup> percentile by household income: \$19,000 annually

One person living alone in apartment with electric heat

Does not own or operate a vehicle

Avg monthly gasoline cost \$0

Avg monthly electric bill \$75

Monthly carbon dividend \$19

**Expected increase in cost of goods consumed \$9**

**Net monthly gain \$10**

Case 2: 1<sup>st</sup> quartile by household income: \$36,000 annually

Two adults, one child stand-alone home with oil heat

Own and operate one vehicle

Avg monthly gasoline cost \$135

Avg monthly electric bill \$128

Avg monthly oil heat cost \$60

Monthly carbon dividend \$47

**Expected increase in cost of goods consumed \$24**

**Net monthly gain \$23**

## How will the proposed Carbon Cashback policy affect families?

Case 3: 2 <sup>nd</sup> quartile Median household income: \$49,800 annually	
Two adults, one child in stand-alone home with oil heat	
Own and operate one vehicle	
Avg monthly gasoline cost	\$197
Avg monthly electric bill	\$135
Avg monthly oil heat cost	\$120
<b>Monthly carbon dividend</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Expected increase in cost of goods consumed</b>	<b>\$29</b>
<b>Net monthly gain</b>	<b>\$16</b>

Case 4: 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile by household income: \$85,000 annually	
2 adults, 2 children in stand-alone home with oil heat	
Own and operate two vehicles	
Avg monthly gasoline cost	\$240
Avg monthly electric bill	\$150
Avg monthly oil heat cost	\$180
<b>Monthly carbon dividend</b>	<b>\$51</b>
<b>Expected increase in cost of goods consumed</b>	<b>\$39</b>
<b>Net monthly gain</b>	<b>\$12</b>

## How will the proposed Carbon Cashback policy affect families?

Case 5: 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile by household income: \$112,000 annually	
Two adults in stand-alone home with oil heat (presume grown children living elsewhere)	
Own and operate two vehicles	
Avg monthly gasoline cost	\$237
Avg monthly electric bill	\$138
Avg monthly oil heat cost	\$200
Monthly carbon dividend	\$33
Expected increase in cost of goods consumed	\$41
Net monthly loss	\$7

As intended nationally, the proposed Carbon Cashback policy will be favorable to most families but more favorable to lower income households.



# Your Summary: Carbon Fee & Cash Back

U.S. Treasury writes monthly checks



... to every individual equally

Energy Companies pay rising fees per ton of carbon from mines, wells & ports to Treasury



\$15 per Ton, escalating \$10/T/Yr.

Increased cost of carbon-intensive products stimulates demand for lower-cost products



Result: **Growing demand for Low-CO<sub>2</sub> products -> innovation.**

Slide created by David Kunhardt

## **EASEMENT**

**THE CITY OF OLD TOWN** of Penobscot County, State of Maine, for good and valuable consideration, conveys to **SHISITO, LLC**, a Maine Limited Liability Company, of Orono, Penobscot County, State of Maine, an easement for pedestrians and vehicles over and upon the land situated in the City of Old Town, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, to wit:

An easement for pedestrians and vehicles to use and maintain an existing paved driveway over and across the property owned by the City of Old Town as depicted on the attached sketch which is appended and made a part of this easement. Said easement includes the right of the Grantees, its successor and assigns to enter upon the premises to maintain and repair the easement. This easement is granted upon the express conditions that the Grantees, their successors and assigns, shall restore the premises condition as the premises existed prior to the time of any entry made for the above purposes.

This easement is appurtenant to and for the benefit of the premises owned by the Carey Kennedy as described in a deed dated August 14, 2014, and recorded in Volume 13616, Page 241, of the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds to be conveyed to Shisito, LLC.

The above described premises was taken by the City of Old Town for unpaid taxes on March 18, 2015. Reference may be had to a deed from Great Works Baptist Church to American Baptist Churches of Maine and Maine Baptist Missionary Convention dated July 18, 1988 and recorded in Volume 4278, Page 238 of the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds.

Grantee's address: 821 Main Street, Old Town, Maine 04468

Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Witness:

**CITY OF OLD TOWN**

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**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Its:** \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MAINE

Penobscot, ss.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

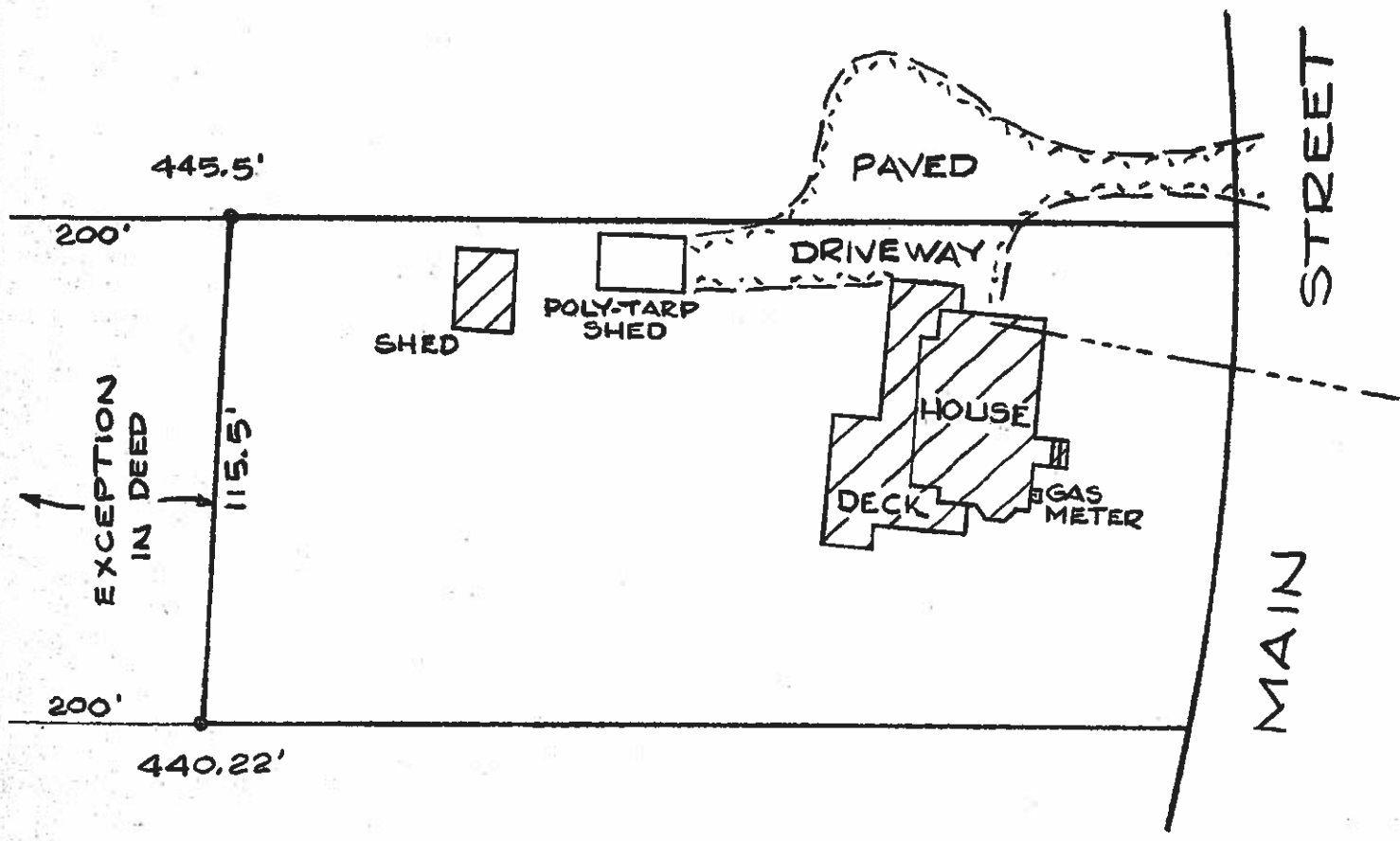
Personally appeared the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged the foregoing instrument in their capacity on behalf of the City of Old Town.

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_

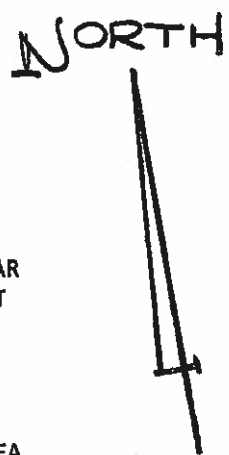
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

Maine Attorney at Law



EXCEPTION  
IN DEED



1" = 40'

**LEGEND:**

- PIN, ROD, BOLT, PIPE OR REBAR
- GRANITE, STONE MONUMENT
- WOOD POST
- ⊕ UTILITY POLE
- ⊕ WELL
- ▨ BUILDING
- ▨ DRIVEWAY, PARKING AREA
- OVERHEAD UTILITY WIRES
- ⊕ STONE WALL
- ✕✕ WIRE FENCE, CHAIN LINK FENCE
- WOOD, PLASTIC FENCE

NOTE:  
PREMISES SERVICED  
BY PUBLIC SEWER  
& WATER SYSTEMS.

THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY, SEE PAGE 1



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Penny Rd

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**City of Old Town  
Financial Services Committee Minutes  
April 16, 2024**

Finance Committee members convened April 16, 2024, in the Old Town City Hall Council Chambers, 265 Main Street

Committee Members Present: Council President Pushor (ex-officio), Councilors, Tim Folster (Chair) Stan Peterson and Linda McLeod.

Other Councilors Present: Carol May and David Wight, Councilor Mike May, absent.

Administration Present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Cassandra Pool, David Russell, Danielle Berube, April Buchanan, E.J. Roach, Kyle Milan, Lee Miller, and David Smith.

Others Present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney)

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Councilor Folster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Danielle Berube, Finance Director updated the Finance Committee on the March 2024 financials.
2. Bill Mayo, City Manager reviewed the FY 2025 budget with the Committee.  
Copy and paste link in your browser to view budget discussion:

<https://youtu.be/tfHl8CHE3Vg>

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Council President Pushor to adjourn, at 6:24 p.m.

**Approved all in favor, 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk



**City of Old Town  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2024**

Council convened April 16, 2024, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 265 Main Street

Council present: Council President Chris Pushor, Councilors: Tim Folster, David Wight, Linda McLeod, Stan Peterson, and Carol May. Councilor absent: Mike May

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, Cassandra Pool, David Russell, Danielle Berube, April Buchanan, E.J. Roach, Kyle Milan, Lee Miller, and David Smith.

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney)

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Council President Pushor called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves as presented:

March 04, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

**Approved all in favor, 6-0,**

**Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests  
Reports**

A. Council President

**(No Report)**

B. Standing Committees - Administrative Services, Economic Development, Finance Services, and Public Services.

**(No Report)**

C. City Councilors

**(No Report)**

D. City Attorney

**(No Report)**

E. Special Committees

**(No Report)**

F. City Manager Bill Mayo, updated the council on the following items:

- Fourth Street project, working with Versant about their change of policy when it comes to pole replacements. They had initially told the City the pole replacements would be free but now have changed that information. Bill will keep the City Council up to date on the discussion the City has with Versant on that matter.
- LD 2135, a legislation the City has been working on through the State Senate regarding Juniper Ridge. The legislation has been adding on amendments as it passes through the Legislative process. One proposed amendment is a requirement to put a treatment center in to control PFAS, an additional problem is the amendment got tagged with the EPA drinking standard for water which is four parts per trillion which would be extremely difficult for Juniper Ridge to accomplish this standard.
- Global Secures floor will be poured on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> on the extension. Continuing with the construction process.
- Brush and Leaf pickup weeks of 5/13 and 5/20
- Spring Cleanup weeks of 06/03 and 06/10

**VII. Consent Agenda**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal of a Victualer's permit for Cory Thibodeau, d/b/a Meme G's, located at 296 Main Street.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Folster.  
*Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)*

**VIII. Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances**

**XI. Old Business**

**(None)**

**X. New Business**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a new on - premises Liquor License for Daniel McCue, d/b/a 261 Events, LLC. located at 261 Main Street, pending City inspections.



Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Folster.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

2. The Old Town City Council considered conveying an easement across City owned property to a dwelling located at 821 Main Street.
  - Discussion was made about the possibility of selling the whole lot or part of the lot to the current owner. The City Council decided to table the motion until more information could be available for review.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.  
***Denied, 0-6 (motion failed)***

Motion made to table the item until the next Regular Council meeting was made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
***Approved all favor to table the motion, 6-0***

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a new Business Taxi License for Scott L. Norton D/B/A Norton Logistic in accordance with the City of Old Town Ordinance on Taxicabs and Livery Vehicles, Chapter 20 – 5.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title, I MRSA Section 405, § (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter.

Motion made by Councilor Folster to go into Executive Session at 6:50 pm, seconded by Councilor McLeod.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

Motion made by Councilor Folster, to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussion on a consideration of employment.

Motion made by Councilor Wight to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm, seconded by Councilor McLeod.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

Motion made by Councilor Wight, to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 pm seconded by Councilor Wight.  
***Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)***

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Councilor Peterson to adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

*Approved all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)*

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk

