

Board of Park Commissioners
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Via WebEx
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m
- b. Attendance

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairwoman
Sandra Bogdanski, Commissioner
Cynthia Donovan, Commissioner
Robert Fiorito, Vice Chair
Robert Kalat, Commissioner
Paula O'Keefe, Commissioner
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent
Scott Rosado, Council Liaison

Absent: Malcolm Huckaby, Commissioner

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to accept the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation.

- a. There was no public participation.

4. Employee Recognition

- a. Kyana Anderson was recognized for her enormous effort and coordination of the Holiday Gift Giving Program by Superintendent Josh Medeiros and the rest of the Commissioners and Steve Bynum, Youth and Community Supervisor.
- b. Superintendent Dr. Josh Medeiros stated Jaimie Clout is out on family leave and Raelynne Andrews is covering for her at the Dennis Malone Aquatic Center.
- c. Also, a new Employees recognition has started in the department. Each month an employee will be nominated and recognized on social media and the bulletin board located at the entrance of City Hall and offer a \$25 Gift card.

5. Review design concepts for the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project presented by QA+M Architecture

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to bring Item 7a. up from under New Business.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Robert Fiorito to conceptually approve the design concepts for the Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project
Seconded by: Commissioner Sandra Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

6. Superintendent's Report

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to accept and place the Superintendent's Report on file.
Seconded by: Commissioner Kalat, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to place the department financials on file.

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Seconded by: Commissioner O'Keefe, all in favor; motion carried.

7. Old business

- a. Commissioners discussed the presentation from Activitas and Pros Consulting on the Page Park Master Plan. No motion was made.
- b. Commissioners discussed a potential partnership with Thomaston Savings Bank for the acquisition of an electronic scoreboard for Muzzy Field.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Fiorito to enter the agreement with Thomaston Savings Bank with discussed modifications.
Seconded by: Commissioner O'Keefe, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to accept the proposed of Rockwell Park Pump Track Design.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried
- d. Commissioner Donovan inquired about the status of the charter updates for the department. Discussion followed.

8. New business:

- a. Commissioner Kalat discussed his concern regarding parking available for sledding at Page Park and Nelson Field. Discussion followed.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to place on file a letter from Bristol resident in regards fishing at public ponds.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

9. Committee reports

- a. Events Committee: Chairwoman O'Keefe reported information regarding the 100th Anniversary of Veterans Memorial Boulevard event.
- b. Building & Maintenance Committee: No report.
- c. Budget & Finance Committee: No report.
- d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Commissioner Donovan discussed the Commission's SWOT analysis.
- e. City Council Liaison updates: Liaison Rosado, on behalf of the Veterans' Council, expressed concern regarding aerators on the Memorial Boulevard ponds and geese deterrents. Discussion followed.

10. Other Business

- a. There was no other business brought forward by Commissioners.

11. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Kalat to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bravo, Recording Secretary