City Council Work Session April 26, 2021

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Grenier opened the meeting. Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Council have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-603-752-7532, meeting ID 816 7866 1401; Passcode gkCm05, or by clicking on the City Council agenda on the City's website, www.berlinnh.gov.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have been provided on the City of Berlin's website of the Council at City Council-agendas

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please call Pam Laflamme at 603-752-8587 or e-mail at: plaflamme@berlinnh.gov

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote. By roll call, each member is to state their presence, and whether there is anyone in the room during this meeting, which is required under the Right to Know law.

Present at roll call were: Councilors Remillard, Eastman, Theberge, Morgan, Rozek, Higbee and Otis who acknowledged that they were alone in their respective rooms; Mayor Grenier was at City Hall with City Manager James Wheeler. Councilor Berthiaume was absent.

Others present: Community Development Director Pam Laflamme, Finance Director Holly Larsen, Attorney Mark Broth from Drummond Woodsum law firm, Barbara Tetreault Berlin Daily Sun.

Non-Meeting

City Manager James Wheeler introduced Mark Broth, the City's Labor Attorney from Drummond Woodsum law firm and advise he will be attending the non-meeting discussion. At 6:39pm, Mayor Grenier requested to enter in Non-Meeting per RSA 91-A:2, I. (b) Collective Bargaining. Councilor Higbee moved with a second from Councilor Morgan to go into Non-Meeting per RSA 91-A:2, I. (b) Collective Bargaining. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor, Council and Staff came out of Non-Meeting.

Other

Mayor Grenier discussed having the Council meeting in person on May 10, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Remillard moved to adjourn; Councilor Rozek seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call. The meeting ended at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Rioux Executive Assistant

*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion