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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Relating to Planning Board for City of Lewiston.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

  Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XVI, § 21, repealed, replaced and renumbered. Section 21 of article XVI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 209 of the private and special laws of 1949, is hereby renumbered to be section 22 and repealed and replaced to read as follows:

                              'Planning Board

  Sec. 22. Planning board. The city of Lewiston shall establish a planning board whose composition, term of office, duties and responsibilities shall conform to the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 90-A, section 61, as enacted by the public laws of 1957, chapter 405, section 1. The mayor shall be the appointing officer.

  The council shall provide in its annual appropriation for such sums of money for the functioning of such planning board as is deemed necessary.

  The council may authorize the planning board to enter into contracts with state and federal agencies and with private consulting firms for the purpose of carrying out the duties and functions as prescribed in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 90-A, section 61, subsection I, as enacted by the public laws of 1957, chapter 405, section 1.

  The planning board shall consider the needs of the city for the improvement, replacement or alteration of existing facilities and the acquisition or construction of additional facilities and the order in which projects ought to be under-

taken over a period of years, giving all departments an opportunity to present the importance and urgency of projects in their respective jurisdictions.

The planning board may, from time to time, report to the board of finance, the board of aldermen and the mayor its recommendations with respect to plans for municipal projects over a term of years and the order in which they ought to be undertaken.

The planning board shall hold public hearings on all projects involving an estimated expenditure in excess of $25,000. It shall report its recommendations to the board of finance on specific projects after such hearings.

No compensation shall be paid to the members of the planning board for peiforming their duties.

In addition to the duties and functions prescribed in said chapter 90-A, it shall be the duty of the planning board to consider and report upon the design and their relation to the city plan of all new public ways, lands, buildings, bridges and all other public places or structures, of additions to and alterations in those already existing, and of the layout and plotting of new subdivisions of the city. All acts of the council or any branch of the city government affecting the city plans shall be submitted to the board for report and recommendation.

Any matter referred by the council to the board shall be acted upon by the board within 15 days of the day of reference, unless a longer or shorter period is specified by the council.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XV-A, § 2, amended. The last sentence of section 2 of article XV-A of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as enacted by chapter 174 of the private and special laws of 1951, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'All powers and duties of the zoning board shall be subject to the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 90-A, section 61, subsection III, paragraph B, as enacted by the public laws of 1957, chapter 405, section 1.'