



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2018***

***Hoover Committee Room
City Hall, 610 Main Street
Waltham, Massachusetts***

Chairman Vidal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

Present: Harris, Randy LeBlanc, Romard, Vidal, Brasco,

Absent: None

Chis Gamble announced that he was recording the meeting.

Councillor Romard moved approval of minutes from 10/1/2018 with amendments for typographical errors. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

New matters:

Requests City Council hold Brennan, Carol, Goldencrest, Priscilla, Mountain, Crestview, Midland (private only) Streets to discuss the betterments and the process going forward and for all the residents to be notified of the hearing.

Councillor Brasco recused himself from this matter. Attorney Francis Craig from the Law Department was present. Councillor Darcy asked if the residents could be charged the same flat rate for the work. Attorney Craig said that the betterments need to be proportional. Councillor Darcy asked Attorney Craig about completing the betterments and using the various formulas for their calculation. President LeBlanc asked about the estimate for this project. Councillor Romard made a request that the Law Department prepare a battements order in accordance with Councillor Darcy's requested. The request was passed on a voice vote. Romard made a request that the Mayor use the same process in other 17-80 petitions that is based on a CPW estimate. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Brasco entered the room.

Tabled matters:

Rodent Resolution

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table the motion was approved on voice vote. Councillor Romard moved to hear from Public Works Director Chiasson and Acting Health Director Feeley. Councillor Darcy asked about lockable barrels. Public Works Director Chiasson reviewed various types of barrels and suggested a bittering agent would help make them more rodent proof. Director Chiasson also mentioned placing limits on how much resident can leave on the curb each week. He also reviewed costs for different options. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked questions of Acting Director Feeley. Acting Director Feeley reviewed enforcement action that health inspectors have been initiating. Councillor Harris asked questions about the issue and noted that the number of people in some apartments could be contributing to the problem. Councillor Darcy asked if Mr. Chaisson and Ms. Feeley could research what other towns are doing. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Paving Resolution

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from he table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved to invite the Public Works Director and Attorney Azadi to the November 19th meeting of the Committee to discuss the draft ordinance. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Randy LeBlanc move to adjourn. The motion passed on a voice vote and the Committee adjourned at 7:02 pm.