



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Monday April 1, 2019***

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

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

Attendance

Present:

Randall J. LeBlanc

Cathyann Harris

Diane P. LeBlanc

Kristine A. Mackin

Absent.

Joseph P. LaCava

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved approval of minutes from 3/18/2019. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

New matters:

Downtown Trash Container Resolution

Councillor Harris moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Tabled matters:

Resolution Administrative Consent Order Update

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to hear from City Engineer Stephen Casazza. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc said she was wondering when the Consent Order would be over. Mr. Casazza said the City is in compliance with the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) order. Mr. Casazza said we are 80 percent of the way through the projects that are required. Mr. Casazza said when we have too many projects happening at the same time it causes gridlock. Mr. Casazza said the system continues to back up due to the age and amount of pipe running through the city. Mr. Casazza said that the city has prioritized areas that have the most overflows. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked if we are at a point at which we can stop charging and I&I fee. Mr. Casazza said that the city has taken steps to make the assessment more convenient, but the city is not in a position to suspend the fees at this time. Councillor LeBlanc asked if other cities and towns are charging similar fees. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked questions about the FOG Ordinance. Mr. Casazza said they would enforce the ordinance when it is passed and work on education before enforcement begins. Councillor

Diane LeBlanc asked how long it will take to complete all of the projects on the plan. Mr. Casazza reviewed various plans including the Westend/Bearhill Valley Project, Peity Corner and the Lane, Glen Medlow East and Dotty Estates. Each project will take a year.

Councillor Mackin assumed the Chair.

Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked why these projects can't happen at the same time. Mr. Casazza said there are projects other than water happening and with too many projects happening at the same time it does not go smoothly. Mr. Casazza answered a question about how the City coordinates these projects with the utility companies. Councillor Harris asked why there were not any southside projects on the list. Mr. Casazza said that is because the I&I on the southside is not as bad as other parts of the city and not a priority under the consent decree. Mr. Casazza said he would like to replace the mains on the southside, but that it would have to wait until the projects that the EPA has prioritized are finished. Councillor Harris asked about if the southside has been participating in the sump pump program. Councillor Harris asked if neighborhood list could be shared with Ward Councillors. Mr. Casazza said he is getting ready to bid the sump pump program and it will be a multiyear project. Councillor Harris asked at what point can we not charge a small business these fees because it is having an impact on filling store fronts on Moody Street. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked about how I&I is calculated and if there are offsets for using more efficient appliances and faucets. Mr. Casazza said that since these can be removed he did not feel it was proper to offset. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the maintenance of the system. Mr. Casazza said the maintenance was improving. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked if we look at the equipment to see if we inspect the equipment to see if applicant deserves an energy conservation credit. Mr. Casazza said he would look into this.

Chair Pro-tem Mackin asked if Bear Hill would be repaved this summer. Mr. Casazza was not sure. Councillor Diane LeBlanc asked about notice given to neighbors. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Downtown Trash Container resolution

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Logan reviewed his resolution and the problems with the current trash receptacles. He also reviewed the placement of the containers. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked if the previous containers were purchased with block grant funds. Councillor Logan said they were and that the City was not allowed to use them on Moody Street because the median income had gone up and the area was not allowed to have block grants money spent that way. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked about deploying these in parks and if CPC funds could be used. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to amend the resolution to include language that they comply with ADA. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved approval. Councillor Mackin asked if we had looked at the other units that are available on the market. Councillor Logan said he only suggested these because it is what the City is currently using. Councillor Mackin asked about the foot pedal models. Resolution was approved on a voice vote.

East view park sewer backups

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved that the matter be placed on file because the matter has been resolved. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Diane LeBlanc moved to adjourn 6:56 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk