Public Works and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Durkee, Katz, LaFauci and LeBlanc.

Absent: None.

Councillor Durkee moved approval of the minutes from 4/18/2023. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Stretch Code Resolution

Inspector Bower was invited to attend meeting but has not able to attend.

Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Resolution to Explore Free Municipal Curbside Compost Collecting Councillor Durkee moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Bradley –MacArthur spoke on the resolution. She asked CPW Director Chiasson what steps we would need to explore to do it. Mr. Chiasson said that they would need to meet with vendors to see what their options are. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked Mr. Chiasson what the benefits he sees to this. He said it would reduce tonnage out of the waste stream but he cannot require it and not sure who would utilize it. Councillor Katz talked about the education of composting and the issues and challenges that go along with it. Councillor Dunn asked if you receive compost soil back and what are the drawbacks. Mr. Chiasson was not sure how it works and does not know what the rates are/cost would be. Mr. Chiasson said we do have compost bins for sale. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the tonnage calculation and what would it cost the City. Mr. Chiasson would need to ask the Mayor for money. He is not sure how grants would work or if we are eligible. Councillor LaFauci requested the Director of CPW to find out what a startup cost would be and associated coast with it and what's included in the price. Councillor LaFauci moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

With no further matters Councillor LaFauci moved to adjourn. Chairman LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk May 9, 2023