



***Waltham City Council
Ordinances and Rules Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2017***

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

Chairman Rourke called the meeting to order at 8:22 pm.
Present: Logan, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rourke
Absent: None

Request merger of the water and sewer crews with the CPW department

Councillor Logan moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to hear from Mayor McCarthy. The motion was approved on a voice vote. The Mayor read her communication outlining reasons for the proposed merger. Councillor Logan asked logistical questions about the merger and said he supported the request. Councillor Logan moved to hear from Consolidated Public Works Director Chiasson. Mr. Chiasson explained that this would increase coordination especially with the City's 311/work order system. Councillor Logan moved to request that the Mayor direct the Law Department to draft all ordinance changes that are necessary to for the transfer of the Water and Sewer crew from the Engineering Department to the Consolidated Public Works Department. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Gas Leak Ordinance

Councillor Logan moved to take the Gas Leak Ordinance from the table. Councillor Logan moved that the matter be given a first reading. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the ordinance was sent to the full Council with a recommendation that it receive a first reading.

Councillor Logan moved to accept the minutes from 10/16/2017. The motion was approved on voice vote and the minutes were accepted.

New matters:

Mayor respectfully requests that the duties of the City Planner be modified to include true planning duties.

Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

Zoning Amendment Education Cell Installation (Recommitted)

Councillor Logan moved to request that the Law Department review the ordinance for form and constitutionality. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Tabled matters:

Special Permit 151-171 Bear Hill Road FAR

Councillor Logan moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney Michael Connors reviewed a Zoning Board of Appeals Decision for the property. Councillor Logan asked the petitioner to send an extension of time for the Council to act on the special permit. Councillor Logan moved to send a request to the Law Department for a status update on the review of the special permit. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Special Permit Gravestar, Inc., 1074 Lexington Street

Attorney Richard Dacey reviewed the plans for the property. Attorney Dacey reviewed responses to the Law Department Opinion. Chairman Rourke asked questions about the responses. Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Committee adjourned at 9:26.