

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

Chairwoman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:59 p.m.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Harris, O'Brien, LeBlanc and McLaughlin.

Absent: None.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from 4/3/2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Time extension for BP 180 Third Ave. LLC at 180 Third Ave.

Attorney Phil McCourt, representing the petitioner, spoke on the need to extend the completion date to 8/4/2024. Councillor LeBlanc asked questions and moved approval of the time extension. On the motion Councillor McLaughlin asked questions. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Minor Modification for BP Third Ave LLC at 180 Third Ave.

Councillor LeBlanc asked questions about the pads being installed. Councillor McLaughlin asked questions and moved to approve the minor modification. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the 1362 Main Street Special Permit application off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris spoke from the chair and Councillor McLaughlin moved to accept a late filed communication. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Tenants, Homeowners & Landlords Resolution off of the table. Councillor Harris spoke from the chair and explained a process for having a public input hearing. Councillor Dunn made a motion to send the Resolution out to the full council without a recommendation. On the motion Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the matter and Councillor Harris gave the Clerk her copy of a communication from a Tenant Action Group and Watch CDC that was put in all Councillors mailboxes earlier in the day but the Clerk did not receive a copy of the communication. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Wellington Crossing Resolution of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor O'Brien moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Off committee Councillor Darcy spoke on the matter and discussed a law opinion he received from the Wellington Crossing Condo Associations attorney relating to the trash pickup matter within the order. Councillor LeBlanc moved to send a request to our Law Dept. on the motion Councillor McLaughlin spoke and asked if Mr. Chiasson had sent the information back to Committee relating to the addresses within the City that do not have trash pickup through the City. He has not. Councillor Dunn made a motion for Councillor Darcy to send to the Clerk a copy of the statement from the Wellington legal team in order for the clerk to send it to our Law Dept. for clarification. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Preserving Single Family Zoning Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin made a request that was approved by a voice vote to hear from all off committee members. Solicitor Cervone spoke on the matter. Councillor LeBlanc requested the Law Dept. communicate responsibly to the schools/universities, brokers, realtors that act as agents for some of these homes as Solicitor Cervone had pointed out, to make sure they are aware of the issues, Councillor McLaughlin thanked Councillor Durkee for bringing this Resolution in and that we all are aware this is a problem in Waltham. We need to draw a line in the sand for the universities to know this isn't how it is going to work. Councillors Dunn & LeBlanc spoke. Councillor O'Brien stated we really need to make them accountable for their students. Councillor McLaughlin moved to send the Resolution to the full council without recommendation. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take Cal Verde Special Permit application off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc recused himself. Councillor McLaughlin made a request that was approved by a voice vote to ask the Law Department to prepare a negative determination for the petitioner. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Moody Street Bike Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc made a request to have the Police Chief or a representative and the Law Dept. in to discuss bike safety. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
April 25, 2023