

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

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

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

Absent: LeBlanc.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from 3/20/2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Moody Street Bike Resolution

Informationally, from the Chair, Chairwoman Harris spoke on the Resolution. Councillor LeBlanc was not present to discuss. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the Waltham Cannabis Special Permit application off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the memo from the Law Dept. received before the last meeting. 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 McLaughlin moved to hear from all off Committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Attorney Joe Connors, representing the petitioner spoke and will advise his client. The Clerk would make sure the petitioners attorney is aware. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. 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. As stated above with Waltham Cannabis, 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 McLaughlin moved to take the Transit Oriented Zoning matter off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin noted a Scribner's error and that the matter was not listed on the Docket. Councillor McLaughlin moved to request that the Mayor and the Law Dept. attend the next Ordinances and Rules Committee meeting to develop the State mandated housing development plan. The request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin 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 ask Solicitor Cervone attend the next Committee meeting to discuss his memo that was sent to Committee. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Dunn moved to take the Tenants, Homeowners & Landlords Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn spoke on the matter. Councillor Dunn made a request to have the Clerk gather all related information that was initially received in the Economic and community Development Committee for all the Committee members to review. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to hear from all off

Committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Off committee Councillor Paz spoke on the Resolution and wanted preventable displacement. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The Chair declared a one-minute recess to clear the room.
The meeting reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

Councillor Dunn moved to take the Wellington Crossing Resolution of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Off committee Councillor Darcy and five members of the Wellington Crossing Board & management company were in attendance. Bob Cappadonna, Chair of Wellington A, Lisa Hurley, Trustee Wellington A, Robert Curry, Trustee Wellington A, Charlie Keefe, Chair of Wellington B and Shelby Geehan, from their Management Co. Councillor Darcy spoke on his Resolution. The special permit reads; "At the discretion of the condo complex." He is asking that our Law Dept. review the special permit with the thought that this route would be a more feasible way for the condo owners avoid the minor modification route. Councillor Dunn moved to request that the Clerk ask Mr. Chiasson for an updated list and that Councillor Darcy send an email to the Clerk and the Clerk disseminate email to Committee members. The request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The Chair declared a one-minute recess.
The Committee reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

Councillor Dunn moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
April 5, 2023