

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

Chairwoman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from 5/1/2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: MBTA Communities Action Plan

Chairwoman Harris spoke on the matter. Councillor LeBlanc moved to invite The Mayor and/or Attorney Azadi to the next meeting on June 5th to discuss. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Minor Modification at 1033 Trapelo Road for the Special Permit Order #29711 for Global companies LLC

Attorney Joseph Connors, representing the petitioner spoke on the modification. Kevin Doyle, construction manager for company also explained the change they would like to make in changing the coffee bar over to a deli counter. In 2003 they added the convenient store. They are picking up three feet and no change to the gross floor ratio just an internal modification. Councillors Dunn, O'Brien and LeBlanc asked questions. Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the modification. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take The Juicery special permit application off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin stated there isn't any new information on this matter. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take CalVerde off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc recused himself. Councillor McLaughlin spoke and acknowledged receipt of the petitioner's letter to withdraw without prejudice and the committee supported the letter. Councillor McLaughlin moved to send the matter out to the full council in support of their withdrawal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take 1362 Main Street off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Chair had spoken to the petitioner's attorney who is still working on their responses from the law opinion. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the Veggie Crust special permit application off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin voted to release the law opinion to the petitioner. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Bike Safety Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of the Resolution and for the clerk to send a copy of the dos and don'ts of biking riding to the Social Media Manager to post on the City's website. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Zoning Review Resolution dated 6/14/2021 off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department attend the next Committee meeting to discuss. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Keeping of Bees/Hens Urban Agriculture Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department attend the next Committee meeting to discuss. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
May 17, 2023