



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2021
City Council Chamber
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452***

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

Present:

Randall J. LeBlanc

Caren Dunn

Cathyann Harris

Anthony LaFauci

Absent: Patrick O'Brien

Councillor LaFauci moved approval of minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting, the motion was approved on a voice vote.

Citizen Input Meeting Resurfacing of Silver Hill Ln.

Chairman LeBlanc opened the citizen input hearing. Present to testify were Christopher Laughman, Arthur Schaufus, Robin and Robert Falzone, Azine Kouyoumdjian, Greg and Donna Taylor, Ronni Thomas, and Ward 3 Councillor Darcy. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear for off Committee members. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy presented the history of the matter and said he has personally kept the residents informed during the resurfacing process. He acknowledged that one of the assessments is higher than the others but the residence has significantly more frontage and land area than the other properties. Ms. Kouyoumdjian asked about assessing others that need to use Silver Hill Ln. The Mayor testified that she had requested this hearing because time had elapsed since the original hearing and she wanted to make sure the residents knew about the betterment assessments. Christopher Laughman said it was important that the entire length be paved. Arthur Schaufus said he was concerned that more residents were not present and wanted to make sure they were notified. Robert Falzone asked about converting the street to a public way. Ronni Thomas said it was important to pave the entire road and that it needs to be done some because the road is in horrible shape. After taking in the testimony Councillor Darcy said he still had more work to do on the plan. Chairman LeBlanc declared the citizen input meeting would be recessed to June 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution Providing City Services Electronically

Chairman LeBlanc spoke about the ease of doing business in communities that allow for electronic filing. Wires Director Kelly, Building Inspector Forte, and Public Works Director Chiasson all spoke about electronic filing being an improvement. Treasurer Magno spoke about receiving electronic payments. Director Aucoin spoke about the work involved in making this type of change. Councillor LaFauci moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Resolution update on requests to Police Chief

Councillor LaFauci moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Brasco asked Acting Chief O'Connell about the need for a Deputy Chief. Acting Chief O'Connell said he supports the position of Deputy Chief remaining in the Department. Brasco listed the make-up command teams in other communities and asked if Waltham should move to another model. Acting Chief O'Connell said he thinks Waltham's command structure makes sense and provides an opportunity for executive training. Councillor Harris moved to table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci moved to adjourn at 7:14 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk

May 13, 2021