



***Waltham City Council
Ordinances and Rules
Minutes***

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Councillor Rourke called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Councillors Logan, Marchese, Marchese, McLaughlin and Chairman Rourke were present. Councillor O'Brien was absent.

New Items:

ENS Waltham, LLC (Property Owner), is asking the Waltham City Council for the issuance of a Special Permit. Attorney Bill Proia went over petitioner's responses to the engineering department. Councillor Marchese moved to send the special permit to the law department for review. The motion was approved.

Blight Ordinance amendment. Councillor Logan moved to lay the matter on the table so that he could address concerns raised by another councilor. The matter was tabled.

Tabled Items:

Councillor Logan moved to take the special permit for 170 High Street from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Logan asked Attorney Weaver if the petitioner would extend the shot clock time for the petition. Attorney Weaver said he would send a letter granting an extension. Council Logan moved to release a redacted copy of the Law Department's opinion to the petitioner. The motion was approved. Attorney Weaver was provided a redacted copy of the decision.

Councillor Marchese moved to take the zoning amendment for Prospect Street from the table. Councillor Marchese moved to send a reminder to the law department that this matter was heard on February 13, 2017 and that the 90 days that the council has to act is approaching. The motion to send a reminder to the Law Department was approved.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the Reservoir Zoning Amendment off the table. Councillor McLaughlin requested that the zoning amendment be sent to engineering department to calculate the metes and bounds. The request was approved.

Councillor Marchese moved to take the Chicken Zoning Ordinance Amendment off the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Logan said that there is an allowance for chickens in the draft comprehensive zoning amendment. Councillor Marchese moved to lay the matter on the table. The matter was tabled.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the Comprehensive Zoning Amendment off the table. Councillor Logan moved to send a request to the Law Department to see if they would review the draft prior to the commencement of the 40A process. The request was approved.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Committee Structure off the table. Councillor LeBlanc made a request to have the Clerk of the Ordinances and Rules committee work with the Building Department to get a cost estimate and an estimate of the time needed to split the Council Room and to ask the Mayor about the availability of other spaces on the second floor (Friendly amendment of Councillor Marchese), and for the Clerk to explore other options to make the Council Room look more formal (Friendly amendment of Councillor McLaughlin). The request was approved.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. The committee adjourned at 9:20 pm.