

Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments, & Ordinances

Councilor David A. Murphy
Councilor Maureen T. Carney
Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell

Minutes of Meeting Date:

Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

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1. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

2. Members Present/Absent

Present: councilor Murphy, Councilor Carney and Councilor O'Donnell

3. Meeting Called To Order

At 5:04 pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

A. Meeting Minutes Of March 9, 2015

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

6. Orders And Ordinances For Review

A. 15.370 Ordinance Pertaining To Car Sharing In Central Business

Planning will still need to have a public hearing on this item before the Ordinance can be sent back to City Council. As a result, Councilor Carney moved to postpone the discussion on this item until the public hearing takes place. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

B. 15.373 Ordinance Pertaining To Campaign Spending Limits

Councilor O'Donnell explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to set limits on the amount of contributions made by one person to a candidate. This was drafted after the state doubled the amount that a candidate can receive for a campaign. Since the ordinance was first seen by the city council, a few details have been added to address enforcement: the Mayor is to furnish the city clerk with a copy of the campaign finance report which will be inspected within 15 days; if a violation is found, required action and/or consequences are outlined.

Councilor Carney moved to return to City Council without recommendation so that the matter could be deliberated by the full City Council; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

C. 15.382 Order To Accept Provisions Of MGL Chapter 149, Section 148C Regarding

Earned Sick Time

Councilor Murphy asked that this item be placed on the Finance Committee meeting agenda for April 28th and that the Comm. on ROAO postpone its discussion until the matter has been reviewed in Finance. He is interested to see what the Attorney General will rule regarding how to implement the newly passed law. Councilor O'Donnell moved to continue this item until the May 11th meeting; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

D. 14.229 & 14.245 Solid Waste Reduction Ordinances - Plastic Bag & Non-Criminal Penalties / Enforcing Officers

Councilor Carney moved to send the two ordinances back to the City Council without recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

7. Appointments For Committee Approval

A. Appointments

Councilor Carney moved to send the appointments of Marilyn Castriotta, Todd Ford, Jay Girard, Lilly Lombard, Robert Postel, Andrew Smith, Jennifer Werner to the Public Shade Tree Commission back to City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of Jeffrey Jones to the Northampton Housing Authority back to City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of Donna Salloom to the board of Health back to City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

B. 15.381 Reappointments To The Agricultural Commission

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of John J. Bobala and Earle M. Parsons to the Agricultural Commission back to City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

C. 15.392 Reappointment Of Tricia McGovern To Conservation Commission

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of Tricia McGovern to the Conservation Commission back to City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjourn

At 5:40 pm Councilor O'Donnell moved to adjourn; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully submitted by
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