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October 7 City Services Meeting

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Hi Laura,

I don't have all the details yet but wanted to loop you in early on a request. (cc'ing Councilor O'Donnell because I know you are on vacation)

Kevin Nolan was elected Ward 2 City Councilor on Nov. 5, 1985 for a two-year term. He ran again in 1987 & 1989 but lost both of those elections. He has contacted me because he has written a book, "From Obstacles to Political Victory" about being the first deaf elected official in the State. He would like to have an event in City Council Chambers, where his political career started. He would like to hold this event on October 7 from 3pm - 4pm (or possibly 4pm-5pm) in Council Chambers and then beginning at 5pm there would be a formal book reading and signing at the Northampton Senior Center. Senior Services will be featuring Kevin as author of the month for October. The times are slightly flexible however he is only in town on October 7 and was hoping to do the event between 3pm - 6pm. Here is a [link](#) to the book.

The event in Council Chambers would be more ceremonial/nostalgic/media related. He plans to invite friends and family to join in viewing the space where it all started for him. Likely the Mayor and City Councilors would also want to take part in this piece. From there he would leave and attend the reading and book signing event at the senior center as part of the author of the month series.

I plan to share this information with the entire City Council and other officials in Northampton once I have more information, however I need to secure the use of Council Chambers and noticed that City Services has the space booked during that time frame. Given that this is a former City Councilor and his achievements are quite astounding I was hoping the City Services Committee may be supportive of this event taking place during their normal meeting time. Perhaps they would consider meeting in the hearing room if they decided to hold the meeting at the regular time? Again, I will follow up as soon as I have more information.

Regards,
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