



Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council

Members

Councilor William H. Dwight, Chair

Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Vice Chair

Councilor Rachel Maiore

Councilor John Thorpe

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2020, Time: 5:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers, 212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. **Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call:** At 5 p.m., Acting Chair William H. Dwight called the meeting to order. On a roll call, the following councilors were present: Councilor Dwight, Councilor Maiore, Councilor Sciarra and Councilor Thorpe.
2. **Announcement of Audio and Video Recording**
Councilor Dwight announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Open Media (NOM).
3. **Approve Minutes of December 9, 2019**
Councilor Dwight noted that members do not have to have been in attendance in order to approve the minutes of a meeting.

Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019. Councilor Thorpe seconded. Councilor Maiore pointed out a scrivener's error, and the Administrative Assistant made the correction. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

4. **Election of Chair/Vice Chair**
Councilor Dwight opened the floor to nominations for chair.

Councilor Sciarra nominated Councilor Dwight to serve as chair. Councilor Maiore seconded.

There being no further nominations, Councilor Dwight closed nominations. He called his nomination to a vote, and Councilor Dwight was unanimously elected chair by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Councilor Maiore nominated Councilor Sciarra to serve as Vice Chair. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

There being no further nominations, Councilor Dwight closed the nominations. He called the nomination of Councilor Sciarra to a vote, and it passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

5. **Set Schedule for 2020-2021**

Members discussed the 2020-2021 meeting schedule. The committee usually meets the second Monday of the month at 5 p.m. Members said this was agreeable. For regular meetings that conflict with a holiday, members decided to determine a month in advance if a meeting is necessary.

Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the calendar for 2020-2021. Councilor Maire seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by voice vote. The following meeting schedule was approved:



**City Council Committee on
Legislative Matters Meeting Schedule
2020-2021**

All Meetings of Legislative Matters begin at 5 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

January 13, 2020	January 11, 2021
February 10, 2020	February 8, 2021
March 9, 2020	March 8, 2021
April 13, 2020	April 12, 2021
May 11, 2020	May 10, 2021
June 8, 2020	June 14, 2021
July 13, 2020	July 12, 2021
August 10, 2020	August 9, 2021
September 14, 2020	September 13, 2021
October 12, 2020 (Columbus Day) – alternative date TBD	October 11, 2021 (Columbus Day) - alternative date TBD
November 9, 2020	November 8, 2021
December 14, 2020	December 13, 2021

6. **Public Comment**

The chair recognized Mark Moggio of 445 Spring Street in Leeds. The meeting coming up will be about a huge ordinance change in Northampton, Mr. Moggio informed members. He said he had a packet of information for them. He handed out a packet and was assured that it would be made part of the public record.

Councilor Maire moved to adjourn. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at January 13, 2020 Legislative Matters Committee Organizational Meeting:

1. January 13, 2020 Legislative Matters Committee Agenda
2. Legislative Matters Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019
3. Proposed ordinance change and section of City Ordinance (350–9.3 B1&2) submitted by Mark Moggio