

Public Works Committee of the City Council

2/23/2015 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order

At 4:50 p.m., Councilor Adams called the meeting to order. Councilors present were Jesse Adams and Alisa Klein. Councilor Paul Spector was absent.

Present from the Board of Public Works was Ned Huntley and Mike Parsons.

2. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.A. Minutes of January 5, 2015

Councilor Klein moved to accept the meeting minutes; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.

3. 14.229 & 14.245 Ordinances Pertaining to the Reduction of Solid Waste

Councilor Adams recommended the following amendments:

In Ordinance 14.229 - Ordinance to amend Section 272-18 paragraph 1.6 of the Code, delete "located within the City of Northampton"

Councilor Klein moved to accept the proposed amendment; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.

Also in Ordinance 14.229, all references to the Health Department should be amended to read: "the Health Department or the Mayor's other designee". Noted sections where the amendment would apply are: section 5.1, 5.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, and 7.5. Also, in Ordinance 14.245 which modifies code section 40-5, the Enforcing Officer should reflect the same proposed amendment. Councilor Klein moved to accept the proposed amendment; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.

4. Discussion: Reconsideration of the Taking of Center Court

On December 4, 2014, the City Council voted not to accept the BPW's recommendation regarding Center Court. The Board's recommendation was not to accept Center Court as a public way. Given the Council's vote, Councilor Klein questioned the next step in the process.

Director Huntley indicated that the DPW has been working to put together the order of taking and the related plans, however, there is some questions about how to turn a parking lot into public way. Also, there is some question about whether this should be the next step.

Councilor Klein inquired about what the Mayor's position was about Center Court, and also whether there were state requirements that needed to be met since the Council vote. She will follow up with the Mayor and also with Attorney Seewald to determine what should be expected as a result of the vote.

5. Adjourn

At 5:10 p.m. moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.