



Committee on Community Resources and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Gina Louise Sciarra

Vice-Chair: Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor Alisa F. Klein

Councilor James Nash

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: City Council Office, 210 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. **Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call.** At 5:30 p.m. Councilor Sciarra called the meeting to order. Present on roll call were Councilors Sciarra, Bidwell, Klein and Nash. Also present were Councilors William H. Dwight and Marianne LaBarge.
2. **Public Comment**
None.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
None.
4. **Items Referred to Committee**
 - A. **18.031 Resolution calling for DHS to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for all nationals who cannot safely return to their home countries**

Councilor Nash thanked his co-sponsors on 18.031 for attending and working with him on revisions. He stated that the special meeting was called due to the many "extensive and impressive additions" to the resolution pertaining to DACA that were recommended by the Pioneer Valley Workers Center after the first reading of the resolution on March 1, 2018 at City Council. The additional "whereas" clauses were discussed and agreed upon by the committee and sponsors. The change of title to reflect the expanded resolution was also discussed and agreed upon. Scrivener's errors and inconsistencies with the Council's usual formatting for resolutions were corrected. The addition of citations for the data was also deliberated and committee members agreed in principle that they should be included, if possible. Councilor Klein offered to forward references she had to the sponsors. Councilor Bidwell moved to forward with a positive recommendation the amended resolution with the addition that the sponsors

would work to add citations and references when possible to the final document. Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

5. **Adjourn.** At 6:03p.m., Councilor Klein moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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