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

4/13/2015 - Minutes

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 received 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
Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015

A. Appointments

1. 15.370 Ordinance Pertaining To Car Sharing In Central Business District

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

2. 15.371 Reappointments To The Preservation Commission

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of Dirk Boudreau and John Curley 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.

3. 15.372 Reappointment Of Maryann Goddard To The Northampton Housing Authority

Councilor Carney moved to send the reappointment of Maryann Goddard 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 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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