

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:

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

****Activate NCTV Camera to Record Minutes***

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1. Meeting Called To Order

At 6:00 pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.

2. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

Councilor Murphy announced that the meeting would be video and audio taped.

3. Members Present/Absent

All members of the committee were present (Councilor Murphy, Councilor O'Donnell, and Councilor Carney)

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

A. Minutes Of May 18, 2015

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

6. 6:05 P.M. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Changes To Special Conservancy District

Councilor Carney moved to open the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Senior Land Planner Carolyn Misch provided background information regarding the introduced changes. She explained that there will not be a change to the SC district but rather only a change to the text.

The Planning group is reviewing all of the zoning ordinances; this particular ordinance moved to the top of the list to allow reuse of existing historic religious and educational buildings; a former church, which is up for sale in Leeds would fall under this ordinance.

Councilor Carney moved to close the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The

motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

7. Orders And Ordinances For Review

A. 15.431 Ordinance Pertaining To Special Conservancy (SC) District

Councilor Carney moved to send the Ordinance back to the 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. Appointments For Committee Approval

A. 15.430 New Appointments To The Human Rights Commission

Douglas A. Ross, 73 Barrett St., term May 2015 - June 2018

Joel Morse, 51 Vernon St., term May 2015 - June 2018

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointments 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.

B. 15.453 Appointments To Committees-Refer To Committee On Rules, Orders, Appointments And Ordinances

Disability Commission:

Chris Palames, 659 Park Hill Road, Florence: new appointment replacing the unexpired term of Susan McCreary - term June 2015 - November 2016.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointment 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.

Human Rights Commission:

Carla Velez, 80 Barrett St.: new appointment replacing the expired term of Sara Weinberger - term June 2015 - June 2018.

Councilor Carney moved to send the appointment back to the 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.

9. New Business

10. Adjourn

At 6:20 pm Councilor Carney moved to adjourn; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully submitted by
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