

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

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1. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

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

2. Members Present/Absent

Present were Councilor Murphy, Councilor O'Donnell and Councilor Carney.

3. Meeting Called To Order

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

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

A. Minutes Of April 13, 2015

Councilor Carney moved to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2015; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

6. Orders And Ordinances For Review

A. 15.370 Ordinance Pertaining To Car Sharing Spaces

Councilor O'Donnell informed the committee that he would like to withdraw the Ordinance at this time. The ordinance will be returned to the City Council without consideration.

B. 15.377 Ordinance Pertaining To City Trees

This Ordinance is still under consideration by the Planning Board and by the Public Shade Tree Commission. The Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances will consider this Ordinance once the other boards have given their recommendation.

C. 15.382 Order Regarding Paid Sick Time

The law clearly exempts cities and towns from the requirements of the paid sick leave law. However, the Mayor would like to consider the order and the consider all the implications of accepting the law. The Mayor points out that as a city or town you either accept the law or don't accept the law. He requests that we continue to keep this in committee until further

notice.

The Mayor informed the committee that there is information from the Attorney General regarding the implementation date of the new law regarding paid sick time. For those employers who currently have a sick time benefit, the requirements of the new law must be in place no later than Dec. 31, 2015. Any employer without a current paid sick time benefit will still need to meet the July 1 deadline. This extended time is intended to allow employers the opportunity to get their current accrual system adjusted to the new law.

The Mayor requests that the city be allowed the same extended time opportunity as specified by the A.G.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to postpone consideration of this ordinance by the committee; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

7. Appointments For Committee Approval

A. 15.425 New Appointment Of Cruz Antonio Pagan As The IT Director

Mayor Narkewicz introduced his appointee, Mr. Cruz "Antonio" Pagan to the Rules Committee. Mr. Pagan's prior service includes a position in municipal government (the City of Westfield), as well as the Chief Technology Officer for the Collaborative for Education in Northampton.

Mr. Pagan discussed his thoughts about the recent strategic assessment written for the city by the Collins Center. He believes that all of the recommendations are key and has already discussed with the Mayor what should be the department's priorities. He stated that the City's development of an IT Steering Committee should be its number one priority.

Motion to send forward to the full City Council was made by Councilor Carney and seconded by Councilor O'Donnell. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

B. 15.416 Appointments To The Northampton Housing Partnership

Michael Roy

Alyx Akers

Jim Reis

Councilor Carney moved to move the appointments back to full 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. New Appointments To Committees

Transportation & Parking Commission: Gary Hartwell

Conservation Commission: Jack Finn

Councilor Carney moved to return both appointments above to the full 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.

Transportation & Parking Commission: Christa Grenat

Councilor Carney moved to return the appointment to the full city Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy).

8. New Business

None

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor O'Donnell at 6:pm and seconded by Councilor Carney. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

*Respectfully submitted by
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