



Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

*Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair
Councilor Maureen T. Carney
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Councilor James Nash*

Meeting Date: February 2, 2017

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting took place during the City Council Meeting as announced.

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA
MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 9:25 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were committee members Councilors Murphy, Carney, LaBarge and Nash. Also present were Councilors Bidwell, Sciarra, Klein, O'Donnell and Dwight.
3. **Approve Minutes Of The January 19, 2017 Meeting:** Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.
4. **Financial Orders:**
 - A. **17.245 An Order To Accept M.G.L. C. 44 S. 53F ³/₄**

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Narkewicz explained that this order is a result of a guideline that was issued by the Department of Revenue whereby two guidelines were given for how cities and towns should handle the receipt of revenue received for Cable Television Renewal License. The first was to establish an enterprise fund. The second was to create a mechanism that is described in the order. The revenues received will be placed into the correct account and when it is time to spend the money, the Mayor will come before the City Council to ask that the funds be appropriated. The name of the fund is dictated to the City.

B. 17.248 An Order to Rescind A Previously Approved Council Order Due To Error Within The Document

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of ~~4 Yes, 0 No~~ 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy).¹

Mayor Narkewicz explained that there is a discrepancy between two sections in the document that need to be corrected. This order rescinds the original order and a second order will provide for a corrected document.

Councilor Dwight commented that he spoke with the City Solicitor. During the conversation it was determined that the error was too significant to qualify as a scrivener's error. Given the critical nature of the document, the information needs to be corrected before it is legally filed.

Mayor Narkewicz explained that two readings are requested tonight as the recording is planned for Monday, January Feb. 6, 2017.

C. 17.249 Revised Order To Appropriate CPC Funds For The Lumberyard Affordable Housing Project

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of ~~4 Yes, 0 No~~ 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy).¹

Councilor Carney moved to amend the date of the order which reflected December, 2014; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

D. Committee Study Request - Referred By City Council On 1/19/2017

Councilor Carney moved to postpone discussion until the next meeting of the Committee; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

E. New Business: None

F. Adjourn: At 9:35 p.m. Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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Notes: 1. Councilor Murphy requested that his vote be amended to reflect an abstention from voting due to a conflict.