

City Council Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

**Conference Room A
6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

Present: John P. Bohenko, City Manager; Jane Ferrini, Assistant City Attorney; Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilor Spear, Councilor Dwyer, Dianna Fogarty, Human Resources Director and Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2016 meeting

Councilor Spear moved to approve and accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

III. Discussion

- A. Status update and discussion of Short Term Rental bills, SAG funding bill, Hotel Occupancy and Meals and Rooms bills, Uber bill, bill relative to site plans and municipal liability bills

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini reported nothing has changed on the Short Term Rental bills and indicated that SAG funding bill had a hearing today and she will follow up on that bill. She stated the Hotel Occupancy bill was killed and SB 497 regarding Meals and Rooms has been referred to interim study. Assistant City Attorney Ferrini stated that Senator Sanborn was surprised that we were not funded to the 40% level. City Manager Bohenko said last year we were at 21% and Assistant City Attorney Ferrini said they are not moving forward with this funding but are going backwards. She reported that the Uber bill has been sent to the Police Department and they had no additional comments. Assistant Mayor Splaine said he would like to know what happens with the Uber bill and Assistant City Attorney Ferrini stated that there is a hearing tomorrow on the bill along with hearings on HB 1687 and HB 1688 regarding municipal liability for playgrounds and skateboard parks. She will attend the hearings on municipal liability.

B. Discussion by Committee of right to know bill as Agenda item for City Council meeting, Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini said every day the status changed on all 3 bills. She reported that HB 1611, HB1593 and HB 1216 were voted inexpedient to legislate. She indicated that the original bill was killed but there was an amendment and she will continue to monitor the bill.

C. Discussion of upcoming hearings and bills referenced in the Senate and House Calendars published on February 11 and February 12, 2016

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini stated that SB 410 is regarding plastic bags which allows municipalities the ability to restrict certain bags. Assistant Mayor Splaine would like to speak to the principles and bring this matter forward at the City Council meeting as Councilor Denton will be speaking to this bill tomorrow in Concord representing himself. Councilor Dwyer said a City Councilor can testify on their own behalf and the Subcommittee should know about that going forward. Assistant Mayor Splaine feels that is a good general rule.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini HB 1156 allows public transit buses to delay a signal and we will continue to watch the bill. She stated HB 1546 was flagged as it permits a recording of a public servant and felt the Subcommittee should be aware of the bill.

Dianna Fogarty, Human Resources Director spoke to a retirement bill. HB 1449 that would establish a temporary fund for cost of living adjustments in future years at 2 ½% over a 10 year period which would apply to all current and future retirees. City Manager Bohenko indicated we would watch this bill.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini reported that Governor Hassan has not signed the accessory dwelling bill as of today.

IV. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business

Mayor Blalock said there would be no Subcommittee meeting next week and the next meeting will take place on Monday, February 29th at 8:30 a.m. Councilor Spear stated he would not be able to attend the February 29th meeting due to a previous commitment.

V. Adjournment

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Blalock closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, MMC, CMC, CNHMC
City Clerk