

City Council Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

Conference Room A
5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 18, 2016

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

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Distribution of draft Minutes from April 11, 2016.

Councilor Dwyer moved to approve and accept the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine and voted.

III. Discussion.

A. Discussion of draft policies to submit to NHMA regarding enabling legislation for the creation of local revenue sources and the regulation of peer to peer businesses.

Councilor Spear moved to remove the draft watermark from both draft policy documents and submit them to the NHMA. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

B. Discussion with Committee regarding policy issues in NHMA 2017-2018 Initial Issues List.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini said she sent the policy issue list to the department heads for comments. She indicated some department heads made comments such as the Public Works Director Rice, Health Inspector McNamara and Building Inspector Marsilia.

Councilor Spear moved to create a policy statement in favor of self inspecting communities receiving move revenue back from meals and rooms per inspection per restaurant. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

Councilor Dwyer moved to oppose any blanket zoning regulations that would be one size fits all. Seconded by Councilor Spear and voted.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini stated she will continue to watch the Funding for Police Standards and Training Council bill. City Manager Bohenko asked that the Police Chief be consulted regarding the bill.

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- C. Update on testimony submitted on behalf of the City to the House Public Works and Highway Committee by Juliet T. H. Walker, Transportation Planner, in support of SB 364, a bill which would establish a committee to study the feasibility of incorporating Complete Streets into the State's 10-year transportation improvement plan.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini spoke to testimony from Juliet Walker which was submitted and received.

- D. Discussion of suggested amendment to Uber bill (HB 1697) to include penalties.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini spoke to an amendment to the Uber bill. She addressed comments made by Department of Safety Richard Bailey relative a new amendment to the Uber bill. Assistant City Attorney Ferrini said the amendment is to address Department of Safety oversight and penalties and further testimony against the bill addressed carving out certain requirements for special exceptions for Uber without looking at it in a more global way.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said if the Uber bill passes the City Council would need to look at the Transportation Service Ordinance in order to place taxis on an even field. He said he would like Assistant City Attorney Ferrini to provide a memorandum updating the Transportation Service Commission on the Uber bill for their meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

- E. Discussion of withdrawal of amendment to HB 1587 regarding conservation easements and the Conservation Commission's response.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini reported that the amendment was withdrawn by Senator Stiles.

- F. Discussion of upcoming hearings on bills of interest referenced in the Senate and House Calendars published on April 14 and 15, 2016 and the NHMA Bulletin published on April 15, 2016. For further information on the Legislature, draft bills and the Senate and House Calendars, see <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us>. For information regarding the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Bulletin, see <http://nhmunicipal.org/LegislativeBulletins>.

Assistant City Attorney Ferrini provided information regarding upcoming bills and the hearing dates on bills the Committee continues to support.

- SB482 – Short Term Rentals hearing will be Tuesday, April 19th.
- SB492 – Reggie Funds hearing will be Wednesday, April 20th.

Councilor Dwyer spoke to a constitutional amendment to State spending limits which it is what you spend not what you appropriate and to watch amendment to HB 1534 regarding electronic voter check in and HB 1395 regarding forms of municipal record keeping.

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G. Discussion of meeting schedule going forward.

The Legislative Subcommittee and Delegates will meet on Monday, May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

IV. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business.

V. Adjournment.

At 6:10 p.m., Councilor Dwyer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Spear and voted.

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