

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033."**

The City Council Committee on Government Services co-posted with the Committee of the Whole
will met in the Council Chamber on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 6:00
P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

September 21, 2021 at 9:22 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

Councillors Prosniewski, Flynn and McCarthy, Councillors Sargent and Riccardi from COW

ABSENT WERE: Councillor Dibble

SUBJECT(S)

#643 That the portrait of Andrew Jackson in the Salem City Council Chambers be relocated to the Josephine Fusco City Council Anteroom and it its place, a frame and sign be placed until such time as the commissioned portrait of a representative of the Naumkeag People can be completed and hung in said location

Public Testimony

Jeff Cohen: Andrew Jackson shouldn't be hanging in Council Chambers, led trail of tears, inappropriate to have him in city hall

Councillor Hapworth: Didn't seem to be the will of the body to move the Jackson portrait out of council chambers in our last meeting, but we had agreement that we all wanted to see the Naumkeag portrait placed in a position of importance at a visible location in the council chambers specifically. As the artist will be visiting next week, it would be ideal to authorize this, possibly at the choosing of the city clerk. We might also considers removing Mayor Sullivan's portrait, as the Council seems an odd place for it.

Councillor Flynn: Why was the Mayor's portrait in the chambers, shouldn't we find that out first, maybe he was a councillor or a veteran? Hold off until we know

Julie Barry: We want to ensure the artist will be able to see when he visits next week, location will be important for him to know

Prosniewski: We need to recognize the indigenous people who occupied this land, ensure this portrait is placed in a location that will be visible, not in back

Prosniewski: Motion to authorize the city clerk to hang the portrait of the Naumkeag at a prominent and visible location in the Council Chambers at her discretion

Second by Councillor McCarthy

Flynn: Is anyone being removed?

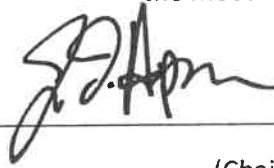
Ilene Simmons: No

Final Vote:

5-0 in favor

On the motion of C. McCarthy

the meeting adjourned at 6:24P.M.

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(Chairperson)