

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Government Services co-posted with Committee of the Whole

met remotely via zoom on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on February 7, 2022 at 2:10 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE All members of committee, along with Doreen Wade from Salem United, COuncillors Prosniewski and Merkl

ABSENT WERE: None

SUBJECT(S)

#33 – Request from Salem United for a City Council Liaison to this organization

#76 – Request from Salem Human Rights Coalition for a City Council Liaison to be appointed to this organization

LM: Councillor McCalain

DW: Doreen Wade

JC: Councillor Cohen

DD: Councillor Dominguez

CW: Councillor Watson Felt

AV: Councillor Varella

TH: Councillor Hapworth

LM: DW stated that council agreed to provide liaison, has doreen provided any documentaion

DW: I don't see a reason to address, that a city councillor can be a liason to Salem United

DW: Beth Rennard and entire city council stated and approved by the president of the city council, the parks and recreation commission, and everyone agreed that a representative would be there, as well as

the Mayor and city solicitor and Domingo, City Councillor Dominguez. SO this had already been done. I kind of feel like you sucker punched me, I was emailed five minutes prior to the meeting, instead of it being taken up, you voted that a city councillor can not be a liaison.

DW: I feel misled

JC: Do you have documentation

DD: I was witness to most of the meetings in regard to the liaison to Salem United, I was not aware that a non profit could not be a liaison.

JC: Absent any documentation, based on what we discussed, we discussed the difference between an advisory committee, a city commission, and an outside non profit

JC: I move that we not recommend a liaison to outside organization, Salem United

Seconded by councillor Varella

DW: So regardless of anything, you are making this null and void

CW: Ms Wade, we are not, as we don't have that report, legally speaking we are not going against that, we are saying we want to have the means to support our non profits, it is in no way a representation of whether or not we support your mission. A number of us would be happy to attend board meetings. The two are not connected. This allows us to continue to support you. We are not going against the solicitor, that's not what we're doing.

DW: I understand

DD: This is a vote that the committee will take tonight, but I believe the final decision will be tonight at the council meeting

LM: Present

CW: Yes

Cohen: Yes

Varella: Yes

Hapworth: Yes

Next agenda item

AV: I would like to make a motion to appoint a liaison to the Salem Human Rights Coalition

Second by councillor McClain

DD: I want clarification

TH: Discusses differences between non profit and advisory

JC: advisory boards are not non profits, advisory boards are staffed with volunteers, frequently have liaisons, not outside organizations, not 501C3

CW: Yes

McClain Yes

Varella: Yes

Cohen: Yes

TH: Yes

Adjourn on motion of Councillor Varella at 6:30pm

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(Chairperson)

