

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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**The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs Co-posted with the Committee of the Whole**

will met in the Council Chamber on December 21, 2023 at 6:10 PM

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

December 15, 2023 at 11:43 A.M.

**(This meeting is being recorded)**

**ATTENDANCE**

**ABSENT WERE: None**

**Also joined by City Solicitor Beth Rennard**

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**SUBJECT(S)**

To discuss Claims

All recommendations are from City Solicitor Beth Rennard.

Claim #218 – Recommend denial. No notice of defect, no liability. Councilor Cohen moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Dominguez. Motion carries 5-0

Claim #284 – Recommend denial. No notice of defect. Councilor Dominguez moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion carries 5-0;

Claim #451 – Recommend denial. Ticket and tow, ticket upheld. Councilor Cohen moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #452 –Tow by Salem Housing Authority. Recommend denial and refer to housing authority. Councilor Domingues moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #454 – Recommend denial. Private sewer was at fault, so not the City's responsibility. Councilor Cohen moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #455 – Pothole, no notice of defect. Recommend denial. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by C. Dominguez. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #456 – Recommend denial. Pothole, no notice of defect. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #457 – Recommend denial, ticket and tow. Resident left car for 10 days while on vacation. After 3 days considered abandoned. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion carries 5-0.

Claim #459 – ticket and tow for street sweeping. Recommend deny. DPS investigated. Found appropriate signage. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Dominguez. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #521 – ticket and tow, ticket was dismissed at hearing. Recommend that the claim is paid. Councilor Dominguez moves to **pay**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #522 – ticket and tow, properly posted. Recommend deny. Councilor Dominguez moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #547 –Recommend deny. DPS investigated. Found appropriate signage. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #548 – ticket and tow, resident did not get parking pass yet. Ticket was dismissed. Recommend that this be paid. Councilor Dominguez moves to **pay**, seconded by Councilor Varela. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #575 –Recommend deny. Ticket and tow, properly posted. Councilor Varela moves to **deny**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #576 –Ticket dismissed. Recommend pay. Councilor Dominguez moves to **pay**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #577 –Injury on leased property. Recommend discharge and refer to Clam Shack. Councilor Varela moves to **discharge**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Claim #615 –Water meter defect. Recommend deny and refer to Neptune. Councilor Varela moves to **deny and refer to Neptune**, seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passes 5-0.

Councilor Morsillo urges residents to leave their keys with someone when they go away for some time, so that their cars don't get towed during street sweeping. Councilor Cohen adds that the signs for street sweeping are clear and plentiful, and residents need to take notice.

Councilor Stott presents Councilor Dominguez with a parting gift from the Council, as this was his last meeting.

On the motion of Councilor Cohen the meeting adjourns at 6:30 PM.



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(Chairperson)