

City of Salem, Massachusetts



**"Know Your Rights Under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A ss. 18-25 and
City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033."**

The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole
met in the Council Chamber on Thursday January 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
January 27, 2020 at 3:26 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: C. Sargent

SUBJECT(S)

#686 Amending Solid Waste Management Ordinance Sec. 36 Bulk Items

#15 Designate list of certain Boards as Special Municipal Employees

In attendance: City Solicitor Beth Rennard, Business Manager Eric Duffy, DPS Director David Knowlton, Mayor's Chief of Staff Dominick Pangallo

#686

City Solicitor explains that proposed changes reflect current waste collection practices.

C. Madore asks if these changes have caused issues since adoption. Solicitor Rennard answers no.

C. Madore for an update on status of City's contract with Waste Management and whether we can shift to weekly recycling in response to high level of demand from residents. D. Knowlton explained that the 5 year contract ended last year and was renewed for another 3 years. Weekly recycling would significantly increase cost and level of contamination which also increases the rate and therefore not feasible. Current contamination rate is high.

C. Prosniowski asks about different recycling strategies we can adopt.

C. Dibble asks if it would make sense to go dual stream given current contamination rate and state of recycling market. D. Knowlton explains that there's a recycling coordinator and auditor who surveys trash barrels to curb the rate of contamination in bins. D. Knowlton added that recycling facilities have technology sophisticated enough to sort the different materials so dual stream would not increase efficiency nor decrease contamination.

C. Dibble shares concerns regarding a private company taking on textile recycling as opposed to a nonprofit such as Planet Aid, a firm he worked for, that gives the City a financial benefit for every collection. Solicitor Rennard explains that waste collection is not subject Ch 30B procurement laws so City can look for best partner to work with on offering textile recycling to residents.

C. Morsillo moves to refer out of committee with positive recommendation, seconded by C. Dibble, matter carries 4-0.

#15

Solicitor Rennard shares the list of boards and commissions currently under the designation as Special Municipal Employees and the list that are proposed to be designated as such to remove undue restriction on volunteers who serve on these boards.

C. Morsillo asks if there are any boards that would not be designate as such. Solicitor Rennard responds there are boards that are designated as Municipal Employees by State statute. D. Pangallo shared that neighborhood advisory groups and city task force would not be included this.

C. Prosniewski asks why No Place For Hate Committee isn't on the proposed list. Solicitor Rennard explains that the Committee is a Mayoral Committee, not listed in City Ordinance and appointees do not require Council confirmation.

C. Dibble asks if the Special Municipal Employee would mean that the board/commission member could not represent a client on matters before the board they serve on. Solicitor confirms.

Public Testimony

William Legault Osgood Street asks the same question as C. Dibble.

C. Dibble moves to refer out of committee with positive recommendation, seconded by C. Prosniewski, matter carries 4-0.

On the motion of C. Prosniewski the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Madore". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Christine Madore, Chair

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The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs

met in the Council Chamber on Thursday January 23, 2020 at 6:05 P.M.

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

January 17, 2020 at 11:56 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: _____

SUBJECT(S)

Claims and Granting of certain Licenses (Second Hand Clothing)

C. Sargent moves to approve

Seconded by C. Prosniewski

4-0 approved

Claims

See attached

On the motion of C.

the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Christine Madore
(Chairperson)

