

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Public Health, Safety & Environment Co-Posted COW
met in the Council Chamber on December 9, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
December 4, 2020 at 12:21 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Councillor Prosniewski

SUBJECT(S)

#148 Plastics Ordinance
#149 Gas Ban Ordinance
#365 Green Building Ordinance
Carrying Matters Forward

C. Dibble opened the meeting by thanking Assistant City Clerk Maureen Fisher for working with C. Dibble to resolve troubleshooting the connection to ZOOM thereby allowing meeting to start only 1 minute late. C. Dibble explained the reasoning for scheduling the 3 matters listed above was to get the draft ordinances to the City Solicitor for her review, legality, and comments and to have the ordinances set into City of Salem ordinance format and that the final matter tonight will be to carry the 4 matters in committee over to the new year. C. Morsillo and C. Riccardi both stated they would prefer to see the draft plastics ordinance first before it is reviewed by the Solicitor and C. Dibble agreed. Being no additional comments from committee members C. Dibble opened it up for public comment and heard from Jeff Cohen, member of SERC. Mr Cohen gave a brief history of the Green Buildings draft ordinance, that most of the draft ordinance was valid, that the ordinance was being worked on, he was disappointed a hearing was not held yet and encouraged us to hold a hearing once the ordinance was ready. Mr Cohen also suggested that every committee meet at least once a month as is a good way to receive public comment. C. Dibble agreed. There being no other public comment C. Hapworth motioned, 2nd by C. Morsillo to send the draft ordinance #149 on Gas and #365 on Green Buildings to the City Solicitor for her legal review, for her to have the ordinances set in city of Salem format, and to return her comments to the committee within 90 days. Voted 4-0 in favor.

C. Morsillo motioned, 2nd by C. Hapworth to carry over the 4 matters still in committee to next year as follows: #21 ADA, #148 Plastics ordinance, #149 Gas Ban ordinance, and #365 Green Buildings ordinance. Voted 4-0 in favor.

On the motion of C. Hapworth the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Stephen Dibble

(Chairperson)