



City Council

General Government Sub-Committee

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~ Minutes ~

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Wednesday, March 13, 2019

2:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

2:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 13, 2019 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Absent	
Timothy Ryan		Absent	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Ordinances

1. Ordinance (ID # 5035)

Vehicles on Sidewalks

Amendment to Chapter 338-Vehicles on Sidewalks

HISTORY:

03/04/19

City Council

FIRST STEP

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Edwards opened up the meeting to discuss Vehicles on sidewalks. This is a safety concern. Councilor Allen has been attending meetings of the Bike way/walk way group. Safety is concern for people walking on sidewalks. This will stay in committee until further information is gathered. There was not a quorum, therefore a recommendation was not made.

2. Ordinance 2018-17

Plastic Bag Reduction

Chapter 280-Plastic Bag Reduction

HISTORY:

10/15/18

City Council

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 11/19/18

Councilor Lederman spoke in support of the ordinance and asked to have it sent to committee.

The item was referred to the Health and human services subcommittee.

11/14/18 City Council

The Health and Human Services committee met to discuss and the plastic bag reduction ordinance that will be on the Agenda of the City Council meeting Monday, November 19th at 7pm.

Councilor Lederman called the meeting to order. Representatives from the Green Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Arise were in attendance. The discussion brought to light how destructive plastic bags are to the environment and the community. Written in the proposed ordinance is a fee for using plastic bags if you don't bring reusable bags with you to shop. There are 80 communities in the State of Massachusetts that have a Plastic Bag Reduction ordinance in place.

Councilor Lederman is going to present the ordinance with some changes. There will be a follow up meeting of the Health and Human Services committee after the full City Council reviews the ordinance Monday night.

Meeting was adjourned.

11/19/18 City Council REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 12/03/18

Read and Councilor Lederman said he would like to keep this matter in committee. 2nd by councilor Edwards

12/03/18 City Council REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 12/17/18

Councilor Lederman spoke in support of the ordinance.

Councilor Shea spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilor Fenton spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilor Twiggs spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilor Edwards spoke in support of the ordinance.

Councilor Whitfield spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilor Walsh spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilor Twiggs moved to send the matter to committee. Seconded by Councilor Walsh.

The item was sent to the Health and Human Services committee.

12/17/18 City Council

Councilor Lederman asked to keep the item in committee.

01/14/19 City Council

This item was referred to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

02/04/19 City Council

03/01/19 City Council

03/04/19 City Council FIRST STEP

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Plastic Bag Reduction updates and changes was update in Minute traq. The changes were recommended by Councilor Lederman. Big Y has already stated they will going plastic bag free by 2020.

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This item was not discussed. The City Assessor was out of the State and not able to be at this meeting. It will be rescheduled at a later date.