



# Animal Control

Regular

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City Clerk

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

## I. Call to Order

3:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 25, 2021 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

| Attendee Name          | Title                       | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| City Clerk             |                             | Present |         |
| Melvin A. Edwards      | Animal Control Board Member | Remote  |         |
| Keith Fleming          | Animal Control Board Member | Remote  |         |
| Veronica Johns         | Animal Control Board Member | Remote  |         |
| Megan Laundry          | Animal Control Board Member | Remote  |         |
| Camile Nelson Campbell | Assistant City Clerk        | Remote  |         |

### General

#### 1. Dangerous Dog Hearing on 2 Pit Bull Owned by Richard Watts of 8 Kay Street

##### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Erica Howard, Complaint stated

Shirley Malone, spoke in favor of the complaint

Richard Watt, owner stated he very sorry

### Rebuttal

Ms. Howard stated both dogs was in her yard, both dogs

Mr Watt, owner stated he already put one dog down and did everything TJO asked him to do.

#### 2. Removal of Dangerous Designation of Taz

##### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Michelle Roman, owner of the dog. She asked the board if they can remove her dog Tad from the dangerous list, Ms. Roman also states she has been in compliance with the board recommendation and TJO.

Hannah Orenstein, from Thomas J. O'Connor Adoption Center stated Taz was declared dangerous in 2017, Ms. Roman been in compliance with TJO. There hasn't been any other issues with Taz since 2017. Mrs. Orenstein states she has no objection to removed Taz from the dangerous list.

Mrs. Orenstein Recommend Taz to removed from the dangerous list.

**Vote of Board Member on recommendation #1 below**

1. Removal of Taz from the dangerous list

**Yes**

**No**

Melvin Edwards

Veronica Johns

Meghan Laundry

Keith Flemings

Camile Nelson Campbell

The board has voted 5-0 to remove Taz from the dangerous list.

**3. Dangerous Dog Hearing from Dana Gustafson for Dog at 205 Mount Holly Rd Owned by Rebecca Simmons**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Dana Gustafson, Complaint addressed the board about the

Amybeth Gustafson, appeared in favor of the complaint. Mrs Gustafson stated she was not home when the first attack happened.

Rebecca Simmons, owner of the dog stated her dog has never done anything like that before.

Christine Brady, appeared in favor of the owner

Joan Brown, appeared in favor of the owner stated she never had any concerns, she trust the dog.

**Rebuttal**

Mr. Gustafson, complaint stated this is the second incident with the dog.

Mrs Gustafson, complaint states she would like to have the dog muzzled.

Ms. Simmond, owner of the dog states her dog is always leashed and she's very careful with her. Her dog was just defending herself.

Ms. Brady, appeared in favor of the owner stated the dog name 'Jilly' has been in her yard and played with her dogs without any incidents. It was Jilly only defense was to grab one, it was unfortunate.

Hannah Orenstein, from Thomas J. O'Connor Adoption Center stated the bits between the two dog were not reported to TJO. The only incident on file was May of 2020 regarding a dog bit while Jilly being walk on leashed when an unleashed dog approach her. The dog is spayed, licensed and up to date with rabies. Mr.s Orenstein stated TJO don't have enough evidence to make a recommendation to the board. The only recommendation is no finding.

Veronica Johns, board member asked if all the dogs were leashed,

Mrs. Orenstein said yes.

**Vote of Board Member on recommendation #1 below**

1. No Finding

**Yes**

**No**

Melvin Edwards

Meghan Laundry

Keith Flemings

Veronica Johns

Camile Nelson Campbell

The board has voted 5-0 on no finding.

**4. Dangerous Dog Hearing Requested by Eric Washington for a Dog at 40 Norfolk Owned by Leila Jiggets**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Eric Washington, Complaint stated he only have trouble in the spring time with the dog, the dog came out the gate an attack him, the dog didn't have a leash on. It's on ongoing issue with the dog.

Rosemary Washington, spoke in favor of the complaint stated she never seen anything happen, her son has problems passing on the street.

Leila Jiggets, owner of the dog did not appear.

Hannah Orenstein, from Thomas J. O'Connor Adoption Center stated she has been out there 2 or 3 times, she asked Mr. Washington if the dog bit him and Mr. Washington said no. They have been out the property multiple times and never found the dog loose. Mrs. Orenstein stated that TJO do have any reports that would substantiate a dangerous declaration.

Mr. Orenstein asked if one the city attorney can weigh but it her understanding the if the request for the hearing was submitted more 30 days after any of the incident took place was reported after 30 days, the city has purview to take action attorney if the date is before 30 days? If the city has the purview to take action and her recommendation is no finding.

Attorney Tom Moore said if its past 30 days the city can not take any action.

**Vote of Board Member on recommendation #1 below**

1. No Finding

**Yes**

**No**

Melvin Edwards

Veronica Johns

Meghan Laundry

Keith Flemings

Camile Nelson Campbell

The board has voted 5-0 on no finding.

**5. Dangerous Dog Hearing on Dog Name Nova Residing at 41 Cottonwood with Owner Mark Harnois**