

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Members present were Councilor Fred Capone, presiding, Councilors Rosa DiFlorio, Anthony DiPierro and Michael Mclaughlin

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor John McKinnon: That the Committee conduct an annual review of the Legislative Aide.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

Communication received from Councilor McKinnon informing the Committee that he would be unable to attend due to a work commitment requesting that the matter be laid over until an October meeting date so that more input from other Councilors could be obtained on the Legislative Aides job performance assessment. The Committee noted that the Legislative Code does not require an annual review of this position but suggested that every City Councilor be afforded the opportunity to place in writing their assessment of the Legislative Aides job performance. Councilor DiPierro suggested that the City Clerk provide a written statement as well especially since the City Clerk provides oversight of that job. Mr. Cornelio reminded the Committee that personnel records are not public documents and that any discussion on personnel assessments should be conducted in Executive Session.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor John McKinnon: That the City consider going to a citywide 24/7 residential parking due to overflow visitors from the casino.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

Councilor DiFlorio suggested that the City Government needed to be careful pursuing this matter especially where she didn't see any problems with parking related to the casino nor has she heard any complaints. She reminded the Committee that not many homes had the luxury of driveways in which non-resident guests, visitors or contractors could park. Councilor McLaughlin noted that other communities had 24/7 residential parking but suggested that this may be something the City could do in the future since he too saw no major concerns with parking related to the casino. Councilor DiPierro mentioned the recent report provided by Police Sergeant Joe Gaff Chairman of the Traffic Commission on this subject matter. Councilor DiPierro noted that all parking and traffic related matters such as this fall under the direct jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission and not the City Council. Chairman Capone stated that he believed that the matter was in Committee to obtain information on Visitor placards. The Committee felt that a separate agenda item specifying that subject matter should be introduced at the next Council meeting to avoid it being portrayed that the City Council wanted to pursue the 24/7 residential parking.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael McLaughlin: That the Short Term Rental Ordinance be reviewed to make possible changes if needed.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

Mr. Cornelio informed the Committee that he was working with a host of other City Department Heads and employees in updating the ordinance to include legislative references in the Cities of Boston, Malden, Somerville and Winthrop – Short Term Rental Ordinances. He assured the Committee that the City of Everett's Ordinance was a good base and that including some modest amendments they would also be looking to place limits on the amount of licenses that could be issued in the City as well as including some zoning requirements for Short Term Rentals. Councilor McLaughlin agreed to meet with the City Clerk and provide some additional items he would like to see included.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

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