

The Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 6pm.

The meeting was audio and video taped for the record.

Members present were Aldermen Michael Marchese, presiding, Alderman Joseph McGonagle, Sal Sachetta Councilors Adam Ragucci, William Cardello, Peter Napolitano and Eloy Sierra..

Member absent was Councilor John McKinnon.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Napolitano: That the Owner or a Representative of Wood waste appear at the Public Safety Committee to explain source of the smells emanating from the site on Boston Street throughout the summer, as well as, provide a detailed update on the status of building an enclosed facility.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, Health Director Heidi Porter, and representatives of Woodwaste Attorney Anthony Rossi and Attorney Richard Nyland were also present.

Attorney. Nyland provided the Committee with s summary showing the required timeframes for the temporary structure as well as the new facility. Attorney Rossi provided the Committee with a copy of the Court Judgment along with recent pictures of the facility. Attorney Nyland confirmed that the temporary enclosure needed to be completed within 105 days. Councilor Napolitano questioned when the new facility needed to be completed. Attorney Nyland noted that it needed to be completed by November 2012. Councilor Napolitano questioned how the Board of Health would continue their testing once the temporary facility was completed. Ms. Porter informed the Committee that the same process would continue with the temporary facility. Alderman McGonagle questioned if all the timeframes listed for the temporary structure fell within the 105 day timeframe. Attorney Nyland confirmed that the 105 day timeframe was accurate for the completion of the temporary structure. Alderman McGonagle remarked upon reviewing the pictures that they have cleaned up the facility quite a bit. Alderman Marchese asked if the temporary structure would require sprinklers. Attorney Nyland explained that only the new facility would need to have sprinklers.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Common Council with a recommendation that matter be granted further time for 120 days so that the Committee could obtain an update on the progress of the agreement with a request that all attendees be invited to that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Alderman Joseph McGonagle: That in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 90, Section 18, We, the Everett City Council, hereby petition the Great and General Court for special speed regulations by changing the speed limit on all side streets in the City of Everett from 30 mph to 20 mph, in the interest of public safety.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Police Sergeant Bove were also present.

Alderman McGonagle announced that he was doing this to control speeding within the City. Sgt. Bove responded that he didn't see a big problem with speeding throughout the City and didn't see a need to proceed with this proposal. Alderman McGonagle questioned when the State adopted the 30 mph for side streets. Sgt. Bova informed the Committee that this speed limit became State law in the 1940's. Alderman McGonagle remarked that based on that information he felt and believed it should be revisited based on the constituent complaints he and others were receiving on speeding. Alderman McGonagle continued that he was relying on the Traffic Commissions expertise on this matter. Sgt. Bova explained that there was already a process in place that if the data warranted the speed limit could be changed. Alderman McGonagle countered that City Government was looking to give the Traffic Commission the tools to make these changes without going through the current process. Alderman McGonagle informed him that the Committee needed his approval in order to proceed. Sgt. Bova explained that he doesn't support a 20 mph blanket for all side streets throughout the City, but would support a petition to allow the Traffic Commission a local option using the same criteria to change speed limits without going through the State for approval.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Board of Alderman with a favorable recommendation by amending to include language in the Petition that would **allow** the Traffic Commission a local option to reduce the speed limit on side streets from 30 to 20 mph using the same criteria to change speed limits without going through the State for approval.

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