

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:00pm at City Hall and remotely through the Zoom web application.

Member present at City Hall was Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding. Members present remotely were Councilors Peter Napolitano, Fred Capone and Gerly Adrien.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Director of Planning & Development Tony Sousa were also present remotely.

Councilor Adrien also had the following invited guests: Director of Somerville Office of Housing Stability- Ellen Shachter, State Representative, Mike Connolly, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers - Rafael Mares, Operations Manager of the Boston Office of Housing Stability- Katie Forde, and Communication Specialist and Housing Councilor of Office of Housing Stability at City of Somerville and Everett Resident - Lydia Lopez were all present remotely.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: To establish a Housing Stability Notification Act.

Councilor Adrien explained that the intent of the Ordinance was to promote the housing stability of Everett residents which would help landlords, decrease evictions and provide resources to tenants on organizations that could help provide rent assistance and legal help. She provided the Committee with a power point presentation that included the logistics, roll out, enforcement and timelines. All of the invited guests discussed their backgrounds in relation to housing and tenant/landlord relations and all spoke in support of Councilors Adrien's proposal. Councilor Adrien also read a statement of support from City Life Vida Urbana, Steve Meacham. Councilor Adrien concluded her presentation by stating that she believed this proposal would also help landlords save money by avoiding the eviction process. Mr. Sousa informed the Committee that he had spoken previously to some of the invited guests but inquired the need for a Home Rule petition through the State Legislators. Chairman DiPierro read a statement from Councilor Stephanie Martins who had earlier in the legislative session introduced the creation of a Housing Task Force that was in the process of being established until the pandemic hit. Councilor Napolitano complimented Councilor Adrien and stated that her presentation was very informative but asked how would they know if someone didn't comply. Councilor Adrien responded that the tenant would call the City 311 line and then ISD would be involved. Councilor Napolitano asked if there would be additional man hours needed for ISD and Councilor Adrien stated that she didn't see the need for additional ISD man hours and noted that she would be volunteering to assist Mr. Sousa with the documents needed. Solicitor Mejia informed the members that she had skimmed through the proposal earlier in the day and felt the concept was great but expressed concern about fining landlords. She stated further that she did not believe the Landlord would be obligated to provide the documents mentioned in proposal but agreed to look into further. Councilor Napolitano agreed that the proposal needed to be tightened up. Councilor Capone remarked that housing was a basic necessity and noted that as an Attorney he handles Landlord – Tenant issues. Councilor Capone asked the Boston and Somerville representatives if they needed to hire additional staff to fulfill the requirements of the new Ordinance and both responded that they did not need additional staff, however Mr. Sousa believed that some additional staff would be needed at the beginning to roll out the new proposal.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: That the City review the snow removal ordinance to ensure safety on the sidewalks and corners are shoveled/cleaned out to comply with ADA requirements instead of piling snow around it.

Councilor Adrien informed the Committee that she had met with City employees Colleen Mejia, Jay Monty, Kevin Noonan, Chad Luongo and George Lane on June 4th to discuss several issues related to her proposed Snow Removal Ordinance amendments. Based on those discussions she provided the Legislative Affairs Committee members with an updated proposal from the previous Committee meeting but noted that Councilor Capone had suggested some additional amendments to be discussed at this meeting. Chairman DiPierro read an email received from DPW Director Greg St. Louis who outlined what his department does during and after a snow storm. The Committee discussed the additional amendments offered by Councilor Capone and agreed to the following changes:

Section D – delete “and sidewalks curbsides that opens near the street”

Section E – amend “12 hours” to “24 hours”

Section E – amend so it now reads “... of the formal declaration that the snow emergency or snowfall has ended”

Section F – delete Section in its entirety

Section G – delete Section in its entirety

Section I – sub-section 3 – delete all references to “twelve (12) hours”

Section I – sub-section 4 – at end of sentence add “or separate snow event”

Section L – delete “Spanish” and add in its place “multi-language”

Section L – delete “curbs and handicap access cuts”

Section L – amend “twelve (12) hours” to “twenty-four (24) hours”

Councilors Adrien and Capone agreed to provide the City Council with an updated Ordinance with all the changes referenced.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation Favorable action on the Ordinance as amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Police Chief Steve Mazzie was also present remotely.

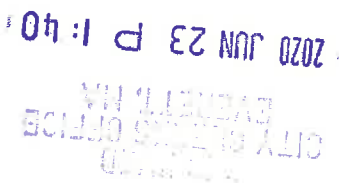
The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: To ask the Whole City Council to support Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's Federal Action to condemn police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force.

Councilor Adrien had provided the Committee membership with a copy of the entire House of Representative Resolution being offered by Congresswoman Pressley condemning all acts of police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force throughout the country. Councilor Adrien referenced the recent deaths of black men in Minnesota and Atlanta at the hands of Police Officers that something needed to be done and asked her colleagues to support this Federal Resolution condemning these actions. She stated that she wanted it known that she was not implying that we don't support the Police. Councilor Napolitano explained that when the item was first introduced at the prior City Council meeting he was concerned that it may have included language within the resolution about defunding the police. He remarked that no one should be racially profiled and was appalled at both incidents referenced by Councilor Adrien and he noted that he had no problem with supporting this resolution. Councilor Capone announced that he supported the resolution as well. Chief Mazzie told the Committee that he wanted the Everett Police Department to be judged on what they do in the City of Everett. He assured the Committee that the Police strive to do in right in Everett and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a whole pertaining to the issues referenced by the Congresswoman in her resolution. He suggested that people look at the Police Department data before they make quick judgments about his department. The Chief reminded the members that the City of Everett had a diverse force with a black officer in charge of the Patrolmen's Union. Councilor Adrien thanked the Chief for being present and acknowledged that she would like to work in collaboration with the Chief.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action in support of Congresswoman Pressley's Federal Resolution.

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Councilor Capone asked if there were limitations on rental assistance or would the City be required to fund and Ms. Forde explained that the State provides up to \$4000 and that the City of Boston matches with another \$2000. Ms. Shacter announced that monies would become available to Cities through the Federal Care Act. Councilor Capone concurred with the City Solicitor about the fines to Landlords and he suggested that the documents be available from the Community Development office along with workshops. Councilor Adrien responded that she would be willing to take away the fines from proposal. Chairman DiPierro also expressed concern with the fines and mentioned State Senator DiDomenico was working diligently on the subject matter and that State Representative McGonagle was on the Housing Committee. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Housing Task Force so that all stakeholders could come to the table. Councilor Adrien expressed concern over the delay in going to the Task Force when the State moratorium on rents due to the pandemic is expected to end in mid August. Both Councilors Capone and Napolitano were in agreement that it would be better served in the Housing Task Force.

The Committee voted 3-1 with Councilor Adrien in opposition: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to the Housing Task Force.

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