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City Council Ordinance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM

City Hall – 62 Friend Street

Councilor Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Roll was called and present were: Councilor Gilday and Councilor Rinaldi

Also Present: Attorney Bethany Raffa, Administrative Assistant Allie Connolly, and Assistant City Clerk Jess Manning

Councilor Nick Wheeler and Attorney Leonard Johnson were absent

Minutes for Approval: None at this time

Communication and Updates:

Public Comment:

- None.

2024-096 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Gilday mentioned that this bill has been continued at the City Council to January 14, and that it is very much in flux for the next few months.

Councilor Rinaldi moved to Continue 2024-096 until the Planning Board establishes a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0).

2024-099 An Ordinance to amend the Cannabis Retail License Limits – **Councilors Stanganelli and Rinaldi Sponsors**

- Councilor Gilday provided a brief summary on the previous discussion on the bill. She also stated that she is considering proposing an amendment to amend the number to 3 instead of 4.
- Rinaldi: we are not in the business of sorting winners and losers. In favor of a license limit.

Councilor Rinaldi moved to return 2024-099 to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0).

2024-119 Revised Amesbury Energy Committee By Laws – **Councilors Rinaldi and Hogg Sponsors**

- Councilor Rinaldi summarized the proposed bill, they want to add 3 more outside members since they have widened the scope of the job, wants to create some sustainability on the Energy Committee.
- Councilor Gilday pointed out a number of inconsistencies in the bill and requested that there be revisions made before moving forward.

Councilor Rinaldi moved to continue 2024-119 to the O&A meeting on 12/16. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously.

2024-132 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 334 Licenses and Permits with the municipal code to allow for licensing of adult cannabis retailers within the Retail Marijuana Overlay District. -**Councilor Stanganelli and Councilor Rinaldi Sponsors**

- Councilor Gilday provided background to the bill provided in supporting documentation provided by Councilor Stanganelli.
- Councilor Gilday asked why this was not filed with 2024-099. Was it forgotten to add into the municipal code?

Councilor Rinaldi moved to return 2024-132 to the full City Council with a positive recommendation with three suggested revisions: that the reference section be taken out, removing the first “whereas” on page 1 and the portion of the 2nd Whereas that follows “(KP Law)” - in other words from “and detailed in multiple...” through “through Zoning Ordinance.” The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0)

Adjourn

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (2-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Manning