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City Council Ordinance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

April 14th, at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting- Microsoft Teams

Councilor Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll was called and present were: Councilor Gilday and Councilor Rinaldi. Councilor Wheeler was absent.

Also Present: Attorney Bethany Raffa, Chief of Staff Ann Marie Casey, and Administrative Assistant Allie Connolly

Minutes for Approval: Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed 2-0.

Communication and Updates: None

Public Comment: None

2025-039 An Order to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority and the City of Amesbury Council on Aging pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A for the use of an accessible vehicle for transportation services for seniors, subject to approval by the Mayor.

- Attorney Raffa had a few suggested revisions to the order as follows:
- In the MOU, the very first paragraph states, “the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (hereafter referred to as MeVa)”. There are some inconsistencies through the document, specifically,
 - p. 2, number 3. Last sentence. “The RTA shall retain title...” Will you please edit this to state MeVa?
 - p. 7, VI Termination, number 2. Will you also specify MeVa in the 2 instances that reference RTA?
- Will you also consider editing the language in both items in Section VI. to read as follows:
- VI. Termination
 - 1. Either party may terminate this agreement due to lack of sufficient funding or no longer needing the service upon 30 days' prior written notice.
 - 2. The Authority may suspend or terminate this Agreement without prior written notice to the Agency/Municipality for issues pertaining to safety or treatment of patrons or abuse of MeVa's accessible vehicle(s), as determined in MeVa's sole discretion.

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion send 2025-039 back to City Council with a positive recommendation to include the three discussed changes. Councilor Gilday seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

Adjourn

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed (2-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Allie Connolly