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City Council Ordinance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 16th, at 7:00 PM

City Hall 62 Friend St.

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

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

Also Present: Attorney Leonard Johnson, DPW Director Joe Buckley, OCED Director Nick Cracknell, Senior Project Manager Howard Snyder, and Administrative Assistant Allie Connolly

Minutes for Approval:

- Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14th meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed 2-0 with Councilor Wheeler abstaining.
- Councilor Wheeler offered a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9th meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed 3-0.

Communication and Updates: None

Public Comment:

- David Conroy (15 Lafayette St.) spoke against 2025-045. He shared his fear that if the no parking sign were to be enacted it would lead to parking on the sidewalks.
- Lynn May (23 Lafayette St.) spoke against 2025-045. She reiterated the previous comments and stated she has no issues with people using the median for parking.
- Matthew Lanagan (22 Lafayette St.) spoke against 2025-045. He reiterated the previous comments and spoke about how tight their street is. He fears if people start parking close to the sidewalks it will create problems for emergency vehicles accessing their street.
- Marie Packer (14 Lafayette St.) spoke against 2025-045. She reiterated the previous comments and spoke about how the sign would be a frivolous use of money. She stated she has no issues with people using the median for parking.

Response to Public Comment:

- Councilor Rinaldi stated that he drove down Lafayette Street to assess the parking situation and stated the median looked to be in great shape, he can understand what the residents have stated about it being a tight street.
- Councilor Wheeler thanked the residents for attending and stated that since this was a resident request and not something from the police department there seems to be no safety concern, it seems clear most of the residents are against 2025-045.
- Councilor Gilday explained the background of how 2025-045 ended up at the Ordinance and Administration meeting.

2025-045 An Ordinance to establish No Parking on Lafayette Street median strip – request by resident –
Councilor Gilday Sponsor

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to return 2025-045 to the City Council with a negative recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and passed 3-0.

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-Mayor Sponsor

- Director of DPW Joe Buckley gave a summary of 2025-053.
- Councilor Wheeler asked a question about where the stormwater is being taken from.
- Councilor Wheeler asked a few questions about the enacting language in 2025-053. Joe Buckley said he felt comfortable with the language as it stands but would follow up with the Mayor's office regarding Nick's recommendations.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to return 2025-053 to the City Council with a positive recommendation with the following three considerations. Is a direct reference to the assessor's map and parcel number necessary in the enacting language as well as the millennial engineering number? Also, should the addition of the word "permanent" prior to "easement" be added? The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed 3-0.

2025-068 An Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal of the inter-municipal agreement for an additional one-year period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with the Town of Salisbury for the provision of regional animal control services.- Mayor Sponsor

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to return 2025-068 to the City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed 3-0.

2025-072 An Order that \$211,935.00 is appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) to purchase the land and building located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the property for water supply protection, passive use recreational area, and conservation purposes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto;-Mayor Sponsor

- Director of OCED Nick Cracknell gave a presentation on 2025-072.
- Senior Project Manager Howard Snyder was present to answer any questions.
- Councilor Gilday asked if this property would be acquired using free cash? Nick Cracknell answered no. She also stated she was a big advocate for the kayaking access.
- Councilor Wheeler pointed out on typographical error on the 9th line of the enacting language, reactional needs to be changed to recreational.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to return 2025-072 to the City Council with a positive recommendation pending the one typographical edit of the word "recreational". The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed 3-0.

Adjourn

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Councilor Wheeler seconded, and the motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Allie Connolly