

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Ordinance Committee
Town Hall-Kelly Room
June 20, 2016

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Michael Smart, Vice Chairman
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor
Patrick O'Connor, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chairman Kenneth DiFazio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

16 092-Reorganization of Ordinances

Chairman DiFazio noted that this measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on May 16, 2016; the committee met previously on May 31, 2016; a public hearing held on June 6, 2016; and the committee is meeting again this evening. A letter of explanation dated May 5, 2016 was received by the administration detailing the proposed reorganizational changes.

Councilor Smart states that it may or may not be necessary to say, but this is a change from prior administration and he feels the changes are warranted and likes the detailed explanation.

Chairman DiFazio noted the highlights of the proposed changes:

-re-establishes the Department of Human Resources and Department of Information Technology as independent departments

-re-establishes the Department of Administrative and Community Services, which will manage the following:

Emergency management, maintenance of certain town buildings, commission on disabilities, elder services, recreation, veterans, youth and family services, community events, and cultural council

-the following departments will report directly to the Mayor:

Human Resources, Library, Municipal Licenses and Inspections, Planning and Community Developments and Department of Public Works

Councilor Smart motions for favorable action on measure number 16 092-motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

16 095-Changes to the Town's Ordinances as Proposed by the Ordinance Review Committee

Chairman DiFazio noted that this measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on May 2, 2016; the committee met on May 31, 2016; a public hearing was held on June 6, 2016, and the Ordinance Committee is meeting again this evening.

It was noted that Mr. Thomas submitted a list of proposed revisions that legal is currently reviewing. A cursory review of his suggestions indicates no substantive changes, simply stylistic ones.

Mr. Callanan noted, for the record, that the proposed changes must be non-substantive in nature-as the charter dictates.

Councilor Mathews noted that the Council needs to take this measure out of order at the Council Meeting and vote prior to any other business being conducted. Mr. Callanan states that as long as it appears on the agenda of the 15th (which is was) then it doesn't need to be taken out of order. Councilor Mathews prefers to take the measure out of order- as that is his interpretation of the charter.

Chairman DiFazio reviewed the charter provision which speaks to this review and agrees with Councilor Mathews. He stated that he will request that this is taken out of order and voted up front at the Council Meeting.

Councilor Smart motions for favorable action on measure number 16 095-Changes to the Town's Ordinances as Proposed by the Ordinance Review Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews, and voted unanimously.

Adjournment

At 7:35 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Smart to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chairman Kenneth DiFazio
Voted favorably on 6 September 2016