



Lowell City Council

Rules SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: May 14, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Conway and C. Mercier. Also present were City Solicitor O'Connor, C. Milinazzo and M. Samaras.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber. Chairman Elliott noted motion that had been referred to the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted the goal to expand the boards and commissions in the City to be more diverse and accessible to the public and to establish a monument committee to oversee installation of them throughout the City. Solicitor O'Connor noted the purpose to enhance the boards and commissions was to ensure a quorum at the meetings and increase diversity and expertise in the bodies. Solicitor O'Connor noted some changes have been happening and it would be done on each individual entity. C. Conway questioned the length of service on each board. Solicitor O'Connor noted that each board is governed by their own statute or by-law. C. Mercier questioned the make-up of the monument committee and its rules. Solicitor O'Connor outlined the procedures of the monument committee. C. Mercier questioned the Board of Parks involvement with the committee. Solicitor O'Connor noted participation of the Board of Parks. C. Conway questioned if Council would have final say regarding monuments. Solicitor O'Connor noted that rules could be established on how matters are handled. C. Elliott questioned number of members and what segments of society are represented and that all members should live in Lowell. **Motion** by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Conway to have a requirement that all members of the monument committee by Lowell residents. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Mercier and C. Conway commented on the benefits of having Lowell residents on the committee. C. Elliott noted that veterans and community leaders should be involved as well. **Motion** by C. Conway, seconded by C. Mercier to require veterans and neighborhood leaders chosen from neighborhood groups be included on the monument committee. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Elliott noted that changes though not substantial would need to be included in the



ordinance so that public hearing would need to be continued for one week. **Motion** by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Conway to request lists of boards and commissions be updated regarding memberships and time remaining on terms as well as Law Department provide report regarding visibility of openings on boards and commissions. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Elliott questioned types of information provided to public regarding openings on the boards and commissions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" by C. Conway, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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