

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 25, 2019

Present: Robert Magovern - Chair
George Bitzas – Vice Chair
Robert Rossi
Cecilia Calabrese
Rosemary Sandlin

Also Present: Councilors Cavallo, Mercadante and Mineo, Mayor Sapelli, Solicitor Buoniconti, Jeff Hulbert, Vincent Gioscia and Will Clark

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Magovern at 6:30pm in the Teacher's Café at the Agawam Junior High School.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes dated February 4, 2019.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Rossi and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese.

The vote was 5 YES, 0 NO approving the minutes.

2. TR-2019-17 - A Resolution adopting Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 110A (Mayor Sapelli)

The City Clerk, Vince Gioscia, was in attendance to explain this resolution.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Rossi.

The vote was 5 YES, 0 NO.

3. TOR-2019-2 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam by creating a Cable Access TV Manager (Mayor Sapelli)

Mayor Sapelli spoke in support of this ordinance as did Jeff Hulbert. This person in this position will report directly to Jeff Hulbert. Councilor Bitzas questioned using volunteers instead and Councilor Mercadante questioned the amount of the salary. Mayor Sapelli and Solicitor Buoniconti answered any and all questions noting he intended to expand transparency by having all meetings televised and expanding this position would help to accomplish that. Will Clark spoke about how he believed the cable money was intended to be spent and asked if this position could be sustained for a long time with these cable funds? Other questions included how other towns are doing this with their cable money.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Rossi.

The vote was 4 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION (Councilor Bitzas).

4. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.

None.

5. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Magovern
Chair of Legislative Committee