

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on November 6, 2017. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at on our website: www.cityofbeacon.org.

Council Members Present:

Lee Kyriacou, At Large
George Mansfield, At Large
Peggy Ross, Ward One
Pamela Wetherbee, Ward Three
Ali Muhammad, Ward Four
Randy Casale, Mayor

Council Members Absent/Excused:

Omar Harper, Ward Two

Also Present:

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the US military

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter other than those which are the topic of a public hearing tonight.

Speakers:

Theresa Kraft: Thanked Elizabeth for her service to the City as the Mayor's Assistant. Thanked the Council for working quickly to address the rapid over development.

Public Hearing No. 1:

Amendment to Chapter 211 of the Code Regarding Parking on Leonard Street and Traffic Safety Concerns on Herbert Street:

John Kelly:

Jodi McCredo: Stated that is in favor of this local law.

Motion to close: Council Member Wetherbee, second Council Member Ross.
6-0

Public Hearing No. 2:

Amendment to Chapter 211 of the Code Regarding Street Closings for Special Events:

Speakers

Motion to close: Council Member Muhammad, second Council Member Mansfield.
6-0

Council Member Reports:

Ali Muhammad: Thanked Elizabeth for her dedicated service to the City of Beacon.

Omar Harper: absent

Lee Kyriacou: See attached

George Mansfield: Referenced a 2006 newspaper where the same types of issues were discussed. Feels that what we are seeing now is the fruit of the labor of those who worked to improve Beacon years ago. We need to stay active and involved to realize the Beacon we want in the future.

Pam Wetherbee: Glad Washington Avenue was paved. Mentioned that if your Royal Carting can is broken, you can call the highway dept. and get a new one.

Peggy Ross: Thanked Elizabeth for her work as the Mayor's assistant. Mentioned the anniversary of the women's right to vote. Added that it is not too early to think about holiday shopping on Main Street.

Mayor Randy Casale: Gave an update on the reservoir levels. Asked the public to try to conserve water. Gave details on the Lion's Club food drive and the Beacon Community Kitchen Fundraiser. Advised about upcoming term vacancies. Thanked Elizabeth for service to the City.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

1. Resolution to Adopt the Local Law Amending Chapter 211 of the City Code Regarding Parking on Leonard Street and Safety Concerns on Herbert Street
 - Motion by Council Member Wetherbee, second by Council Member Ross
6-0
2. Resolution to Adopt the Local Law Amending Chapter 211 of the City Code Regarding Street Closings for Special Events
 - Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Wetherbee
Council discussed the amount of the fine for moving a barricade. Council Member Muhammad stated that if someone is bold enough to move a street barricade, they should pay.

5-1 Council Member Wetherbee voted no
3. Resolution Appointing John Gunn to the Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Ross
6-0
4. Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for November 20, 2017 to Receive Comments Concerning the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code, the Zoning Map and the Comp Plan

- Motion by Council Member Wetherbee, second by Council Member Ross
Council discussed certain aspects of the amendments and they decided to continue the discussion at the next workshop on Nov. 13.
6-0

5. Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for November 20, 2017 to receive Comments Concerning a Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 223 to Permit Sales from a Truck or Trailer in the Linkage Zone by Special Permit

- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Wetherbee
6-0

6. Resolution to Approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for the JFIRE Program

- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Wetherbee
6-0

Approval of Minutes:

7. Minutes of September 18 and October 16, 2017

- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second Council Member Wetherbee
6-0

Second Opportunity for Public Comments:

Speaker:

Executive Session:

Motion to enter executive session by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Wetherbee
7-0

Next Workshop: November 13, 2017

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