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Minutes

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 22, 2019

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE MAYOR, 5:00 P.M.

Regarding the Rail Trail.

The public information session began at 5:00PM. Nikki Peters, the Economic Development Coordinator, began the public information session. She explained that the purpose of the information session is to discuss the appropriation for the temporary and permanent easements for the rail trail. She explained no property ownership would be transferred to the City for the project. KP Law, Stantec, Brown Richardson and Rowe, MassDOT to help with questions. Shirin Everett, from KP Law explained terms that are used and their meanings. She explained an easement is the right to go onto someone's property for a specific purpose permanently or for a short period of time. She emphasized that no ownership acquisition was occurring in conjunction with the project. John, of Stantec, explained the rail alignment of CSX that the City is acquiring to build the trail. He explained where grading would occur, and where the five-foot-wide temporary easement would be. He explained that once work was complete, all rights would return to the owner. Ms. Peters clarified that the City already owns the right of way from CSX. Ms. Peters explained that there would be a permanent easement to maintain and construct a sidewalk that must be reconstructed for ADA compliance. The owner of the parcel with the permanent easement was concerned about the existing granite step, and it was explained that nothing would happen to the granite step. John explained that there will be updates to already existing handicap access, and by state law if a ramp is touched within an intersection, all ramps must be brought up to code. It was emphasized things would be put back the way they were. Lee, of KP Law, explained that a trespass is a use of property by others without the owner's permission. He explained an encroachment is the placement of a structure on a property without owners' permission, which is equal to a trespass. He also

explained that unless there was a written agreement with CSX for such encroachments, then the encroachments must be removed. He explained that a right of entry, was a temporary right to access a piece of property for a limited purpose, for a limited time and it could be revoked at any time. Ms. Peters explained that a six-foot black vinyl chain link fence could be done, but right of entry forms would be needed. 14 right of entry forms would be needed in total but only three have been returned. Ms. Everett, explained that the City can acquire easements on personal property by doing a taking, which is a document that lists anything that would be in the easement, and outlines all parties right, which is recorded, it saves cost and obtains the same right. She also explained that no ownership rights would be gained. Mr. Roseberry explained that every easement gets appraised, and they also each get a review appraisal. A compensation figure is established, each owner is given a letter via certified mail, and a just compensation report is established. The money will be given out after the vote is taken. Ms. Everett explained that property owners were told that an appraiser would go onto the property, that the owner could go with the appraiser to understand what they are getting, so owners should know the amount of damages that will be paid out once the Council approves appropriations, takings, and recordings. Ms. Peters showed a timeline of all the times the public has been notified about the trail including the dates and types of letters that were sent out by the city.

Councillor Freda asked if we had ownership of the rail or if we purchased it conditionally based on acquisition of the easements. Mr. Lee explained that we paid for it and we own it.

Councillor Freda asked if the rail could take it back. Mr. Lee explained that according to federal law, if they felt it necessary, they could come back and reactivate the railroad. Ms. Everett explained that there are many cases like this and that she had not seen any taken back.

Councillor Freda explained that we are paying for the easements, and we are spending money on permanent easements that we could no longer use. Ms. Everett explained it is up to the City to decide whether they would release the easements at that time.

Councillor Freda explained it was originally up to Mill Street. Is the Mechanic street portion still in the works?

Ms. Peters explained that is still in the works. She explained that the Grant would be for \$800,000.

Councillor Freda explained she was concerned due to changes, broken promises about fences, and other changes.

Ms. Peters clarified that a contact log has been kept for all such instances. She explained that each instance regarding fences did not promise fences, but that the city would look into the possibility.

Clarissa explained that it is planned to extend into Fitchburg from First Street, to the intermodal center.

Councillor Freda asked the approximate total cost of the project. Clarissa explained that it is about 18 million from 2017 dollars for phase 1 and 2. Phase 1 is 8 million dollars.

Councillor Dombrowski asked the plan regarding monitoring the trail. Clarissa explained that trails in Fall River have been a tremendous success and many people have come together to care for the trail. She explained that it is important that the Gateway cities get the same treatment as those in non-gateway areas. The trail association will help monitor and maintain the trail.

Councillor Dombrowski asked how they are policed. How is the supervision conducted? Will we work on it later or is there a plan in place? Clarissa explained traditionally it is the police departments role. The DPW is also involved with these types of products.

Councillor Dombrowski asked if the municipality would need to develop a plan to care for the trail. It was confirmed that this was the case.

Councillor Feckley asked if there were 25 easement takings in total. It was confirmed that those were the 25 easements and that no more were expected. Councillor Feckley asked if there were any conservation concerns along the trail. The Conservation agent explained that there did not seem to be many conservation concerns with this project. Mr. Lee explained that MEPA and the conservation agent from Fitchburg and Leominster did a site walk and MEPA clearance is expected to come in next week.

Councillor Feckley asked when it would start and end. The expected advertisement date for Phase 1 would begin September 14, 2019 (last day to advertise for project for FY19) and construction would begin in spring 2020. The project would take 2 years for phase 1.

Mr. Roseberry explained the timeline and sensitivities of the project.

Councillor Bodanza asked what happens if the council does not approve the order of takings or money for them.

Pam Marquis, MassDot explained that the encroachments must be removed. She also explained that there is a repayment requirement if the title 23 funds are not put into a title 23 eligible project within 10 years of the original fund appropriation. She explained that if we did not do anything, then the city would have to pay back the funds that were used for the project. She explained that the current state of the trail is unsafe, but after the trails are made people are excited about the projects. She also explained each project is designed with safety in mind. She also explained that we will have to repay the federal government for the monies if the project is not approved. 80% of funds are from the federal government and MassDOT pays almost all of the other 20% and the City pays about \$400,000.

Councillor Bodanza asked why 5 years was chosen for the easements. Ms. Marquis explained that it is usually suggested for 3 years, but things such as weather can take tolls

on projects. If the easement window is shortened, then there is a risk of having to go back and do takings again. The timeline is two construction seasons from next spring. Councillor Bodanza asked if there would be 6 permanent easements and asked for a feeling of each of the six.

Mr. Roseberry explained the first is north main street for a sidewalk, the second is for overhead wires behind Longhorn Steakhouse (for proper clearance), he explained one easement is for a guy wiper, state street is a private way, public from north main to railway and below it is private, the easement would be for signs and symbols on the road for safety, and battle street would have easements for signs and safety markings.

Councillor Pauline Cormier asked what posture Fitchburg is taking. Ms. Peters explained that Fitchburg approved all their easements unanimously.

Councillor Pauline Cormier asked if the trail would be available year-round. Ms. Peters explained that the understanding is that it would be available year-round.

Councillor Pauline Cormier asked if the clearing of the trail would fall onto the DPW. Ms. Peters explained that it would be likely.

Councillor Freda asked how many takings occurred in other like cities. Clarissa explained Revere and Everett are being found out now, in Arlington (26 years ago) there were substantial ones, and new businesses opened on the trail. Shirin explained that KP does many and 99% of takings occur through eminent domain.

Council President Marchand opened the floor to the public.

Jodi Joseph, 20 Tilton Street, Longhorn Steakhouse, explained he is a renter, now an owner so he has not received a letter because of that, and how he would get a list. Mr. Roseberry explained that the only easement for longhorn is for the guywire and not for parking.

Richard Voutour, 125 Milk Street, Veterans Director, voiced his support for the project for the city, especially for the veterans.

Kerry Noseworthy, 95 Smith Street, voiced her support for the rail trail. She also explained that her home is finally worth more than she owes, but also explains she is concerned about pending economic circumstances but is excited for the opportunity, and how it will create more safety. She is happy about the investment.

Dilvo DiPalacido, Route 2 Hyundai, North Main Street, an Owner, he explained that in 2004 they purchased the building, he explained that this would take away his back portion of his business, he also explained that his inventory would drop, jobs would be in danger and that he did not speak for the project.

Ms. Peters explained that there is documentation that Route 2 Hyundai does have an encroachment that was existing. The encroachment was expanded on as well. Lisa Marrone had previously recommended that Route 2 Hyundai enter into a lease agreement with CSX, but no license agreement or lease was acquired with CSX. Due to the Federal Funding restrictions, the encroachment must be removed. Ms. Peters explained that they were encouraged not to pave the area, but it was paved anyway. Council President Marchand recommended he reach out to the Mayor's office. Dilvo explained that the Mayor was unwilling to reach an agreement. Pam Marquis explained that the use of the Federal funds on the purchase does not allow the City to lease the land out to a non-title 23 use. She explained that maybe an access could be granted, but parking would not be able to use.

John Ferrera Sr., 45 North Main Street, asked if correspondence could go to 18 Hardy Drive for the future, he explained bought land from railroad in 1967, tore down building, built new building, and according to survey was 10.2 feet from line. According to his plans he has no encroachment but was told he does. He wants to know if Bingham made a mistake and its only inches. Mr. Roseberry recommended meeting with him after.

Councillor Bodanza asked if there is a situation where a plan could be developed to deal with the problem if it is regarding inches. Ms. Everett explained the review would need to occur with Federal requirements and MassDot.

John Decicco, 193 North Main Street, also representing 187 and 199 North Main Street, he explained he is not in favor for or against the project, but on a particular issue regarding the project when it started in 2016, which is privacy and security fencing along the rail trail (around 208 feet). He explained no fence is part of the program, he cited safety and trespassing concerns. He also invited the Councillors to walk the property, and asked Council to consider this.

MassDOT explained that they agree with John's concerns and explained that they would like a chance to sit down and go through it. Clarissa explained that they will work with him about a fence because there is a need there. She explained cannot go into the berm due to contamination. Council President asked that it is resolved before it is voted on by Council.

Councillor Freda observed that Mr. DeCicco has tried and asked why this wasn't suggested until prior to tonight. Ms. Peters explained that contact and discussions have been occurring and it has been in the works.

Peter Latches, 22 Dimassa Dr, asked if phase 1 would be Carter Park to Fitchburg and if it would be completed in two years.

Arthur explained Hamilton to Water Tower Plaza portion would be done. He explained he did not believe it would be completed, with an estimated start in 2020 to about end of 2022-spring 2023. The work on route 12 project would likely overlap that timeframe.

Mr. Latches said from Carter Park to Mechanic Street would require funding to purchase it. Ms. Peters confirmed, and said it would be a new acquisition.

Mr. Latches explained that Leominster is not done spending money on this project. He also said that it is devastating to talk to people and know that they will no longer have privacy. He also explained that job loss is concerning. He said he is concerned that nothing is brought up about safety. He explained it goes through 11 streets and crossing some of these streets are dangerous.

Ms. Peters explained that the right of way is not taking land, it is still city owned land, that we would acquire the right of way, not take property.

Council President Marchand cited that Hyundai has a situation and asked if there are any others like that.

Ms. Peters explained the Wellington Condominium had a lease with CSX for parking and the driveway. Mr. Marchete also had a preexisting agreement, as well as Family medical had a preexisting agreement and the city is working with them. American Autobody and their abutter also have an issue and they have been talking to them. She explained if there was a prior agreement the City would work with them, and that if they did not, they could not do anything.

Mark Schofield, 138 Peterson St, owns summer and water street, and explained encroached a long time ago. He explained if phase 2 begins he may have issues. Ms. Peters explained some of the restrictions are limited to funding and since don't know about funding source yet can't say what can and can't do. Mr. Schofield explained parking was a large concern.

Mary Jean, 40 Royal Oaks Way, American Autobody and Miguel Martinez representative, explained she had been working with Nikki and have not received help. She also explained that the abandoned corridor has been bought, sold, and built on for thirty years. She said she did not hear anything that said more than 12 feet would be paved. She asked if there was any literature explaining that there would be a clearing of more than eighty-five feet of land. She asked for more transparency. She explained she received the encroachment letters and abutter notifications. Ms. Jean asked if the fences being put up along the encroachment along the trail being placed there to prevent encroachment from businesses.

Ms. Peters explained yes; fences were put up for this purpose to address safety concerns.

Stantec explained the elevations behind Longhorn are different in that locations as well as curb and a ditch formed between the parking lot and rail trail itself. Ms. Jean said there was no ditch. She also voiced concern about a loss of jobs. Ms. Jean asked how many people they anticipated would use the trail a day. MassDot explained it would be many. Ms. Jean explained that this would cause a lot of traffic. Ms. Jean asked what will happen if the encroachment is not removed. MassDot explained with federal and state funds, the encroachments would be removed by the contractor. Ms. Jean asked if there will be legal action taken as said in the letter. Pam Marquis explained that this is the first trail that federal funds were used to pay for the right of way, due to this, the situation has special

constraints. MassDot did not write the letters regarding litigation, it would be up to the community to go down that route.

Mayor Dean J. Mazzeola, explained that the encroachments are on City Property and if there is an agreement that is existing, the City will address these agreements. He explained that the City is trying to do anything they could to accommodate every person as much as possible. Ms. Jean asked that all information be made available to the public. Ms. Jean asked where construction would begin. MassDot explained it has not yet been determined. The Mayor explained we have not gotten that far.

Mayor Mazzeola explained that the Workers Credit Union Project is an entirely different project with a different funding source, and a State Project.

Ms. Peters explained that she believes Ms. Jean is requesting that the City grant easements to businesses so that they can carry on as they usually run but explained that legally the City is unable to do so.

Paul Hebert, 407 Hamilton Street, said he went to the first meeting at the library. He explained Hamilton was not even on the map, and that the plans were lousy from the beginning. He explains he runs across Hamilton street due to its unsafe conditions. He explained he asked Lisa Marrone to put a fence where he lived and did not get one.

Ms. Peters explained that safety meetings have occurred for this project, especially regarding Hamilton Street.

Arthur explained that the intent is to have people cross at a pedestrian push button at Hamilton and north main street, and will cross at the light, he also explained that a signalized crossing would be safer than an inter car crossing.

Chris Chernosky, 42 Academy Rd, stewardship manager for open space in Leominster, he spoke his support for the rail trail and sees it as a benefit.

Ron Houle, 3 Sixth Street, said he has a biased, rides his bicycle, he explained its hazardous to ride a bike anywhere in Leominster, and spoke his strong support for the trail.

Judy Sumner, Recreation Director, spoke her support for the rail trail, it provides a good area for children to learn to ride a bike on. She explained streets are not safe for bike riding, and bike riding is good for health and recreation. She also said she believed it will increase land value.

Kathleen Coakley, 224 Priest St, spoke against the trail curving right up to her driveway, and spoke against the trail. She also voiced concern about the wires. She asked if it could curve the other way.

Ms. Peters explained he encouraged her to speak with Mr. Roseberry, and Stantec to see what can be done. Stantec explained that the curve in the trail, at roadway crossings, the

trail is curved at both sides to slow bikers down to inform them a crossing is coming up for safety. Regarding the utility poles, a utility site meeting was held with the utility companies, the poles will be relocated. He said he could investigate the curvature of the trail.

Justin Noseworthy, 95 Smith Street, is also biased due to biking a lot in the city. Agrees the roads are dangerous to bike on. Looking forward to the trail and sees it as good for the community. He mentioned that many businesses open along rail trails. He explained it would be good for kids and all ages to exercise.

Andrea Freeman, 431 Pleasant Street, spoke for the project. She said the trail would be great for safety because its dangerous to bike in the city streets.

Jack Marchette, 853 and 650 North Main Street, he said he thinks it's a tremendous opportunity for businesses and it will enhance the community and that it would also make it safer for bikers.

Tiessa William, 227 Priest Street, is not against the project but is concerned about privacy and safety for homeowners. She explained homeless people have been camping close to her property. She explained that she requested a fence but have not heard.

Ms. Peters explained a right of entry form was sent out for a five-foot black vinyl chain link fence on the property line and talked about plantings. 14 right of entries requested, only 3 back. Need people to submit them to go ahead with fencing. Ms. Peters explained the homeless, littering, and loitering would be cleaned up with the trail.

Clarissa explained that she would need to work with each homeowner to find out what they would like along with the fencing.

Dwayne Vickrey, 145 North Main Street, said new sidewalks and bicycle lane in front of house, and now proposing more traffic in back yard. Does not agree with the five-foot fence.

Ms. Peters explained that no property would be taken, and this fence is not required but the owners requested the fencing for safety, and it is a voluntary fence and it would be on the property line. Council President Marchand said if the City owns it, we can look at cleaning it up.

Paul Carpenter, 141 North Main Street, spoke against the rail trail. He explained he walks in the city because he enjoys seeing the people. Does not see a lot of people walking from Leominster to Fitchburg. He also mentioned that most the pedestrian lights do not work.

Dennis Rosa, 40 Royal Oaks Way, spoke in opposition of the rail trail, co-owner of American Autobody, 500-foot easement from his business, only have 7 retail parking spots, and will lose 4 parking spots for his vehicles. Getting out of Moore Street is dangerous. He explained huge cost to businesses and loss of jobs.

Anthony Zarella, Fitchburg City Council, said he would like to make a factual point regarding what the decision is. The CSX purchase between Leominster and Fitchburg is a done deal. Unless either city intends to pay back that money, the removal of the encroachments is a done deal, and must go forward whether the rail trail is there.

Dick O'Brien, 78 Merriam Ave, came to Leominster in 1984, has maintained trails since. Involved with project from the beginning. He spoke in favor of the project going forward. Also sits on state recreational train advisory board, regional trails coalition, member of local trails group, and sits on state committee for projects like this. State recently expanded their grant program under the mass grant program. Mission is to make strategic connections between multi-use trails. Strong support for this network from Governor's office down. This is part of a larger vision and this trail is a critical component.

Larry Cassasa, Fitchburg, Chair of Twin City Rail Trail Association, said raised money for project, has worked with both cities, and plan to pledge funds to address some of the issues raised tonight in terms of graffiti, trail maintenance, and lessen DPW load, as well as volunteer efforts for the trail. Envision it as being a community effort.

John Decicco, 193 Main Street, five years ago, culvert project remediated, plans originally called from clearcutting all the way back to Priest Street, hoped that a natural barrier would exist, unfortunately plantings not going to cut it. Agrees about protecting environment.

Mayor Dean J. Mazarella, said this is not the first project that we have had to make us all think. This team worked hard on the project, expected challenges but in the end, it would be a better project. Open to accommodating all those whom it is possible. Process is fair and open for everyone. Unable to make everyone happy, wish we could but not possible.

Natalie Higgins, State Rep, 333 Elm Street, explained want to be a partner with Leominster and Fitchburg, and looking to budget money at the State level to improve the community and interconnect them. Explained she is happy to help the community in any way she can.

Ms. Peters explained there is an amazing team of people that really do care. Will address whatever they can if Federal Funding Prohibits it. Everyone has been responsive. She invited people to reach out to the City with questions. The things that are not allowed are not a choice it's the law.

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:40 P.M.

1-20 National Grid: Request to install 1 Singular Owned Pole on Pleasant Street beginning at a point approximately 45' feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Cottage Street and continuing approximately 25 feet in a northwest direction. Remove pole from private property behind fencing that is inaccessible and move pole to sidewalk before bridge. This is also to correct for a leaning pole which brings conductors too close to a house #99-101 Pleasant Street. *(Public Service; Regular Course 7/8/2019, Public Hearing 7/22/2019 @ 6:40 P.M.; Majority Vote)*

The public hearing opened at 7:54 PM. Javier Morales, of National Grid, requested the approval of the pole. Councillor Freda explained there is a pole on someone else property and does not see the request as a problem. Council President Marchand explained that going to support tonight's pole but plans to slam the breaks on further petitions due to a pole on Hall Street for Carter Street, that was not brought to Council for these projects. Disturbed people's property without permission. Asked Mr. Morales to bring the message to management. Councillor Freda asked three times if anyone wanted to speak for or against the petition. The public hearing was closed at 7:59PM.

PUBLIC FORUM, 6:45 P.M

The public forum is an opportunity for any member of the audience to speak on a matter specifically listed on the Council Agenda. Speakers will be asked to come to the microphone and state their formal name and address along with identifying the specific item(s) they wish to address. Each speaker is respectfully asked to keep their comments within a two (2) minute timeframe. The Council will not be responding or answering any questions; however, at the discretion of the Council President, clarification may be given.

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the City Council opened at 7:00PM. Councillor Freda made a motion to recess, Councillor Bodanza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting continued at 8:08PM.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President Marchand, Council Vice President Feckley, Councillor Dombrowski, Councillor Freda, Councillor Pauline Cormier, Councillor Ardinger, Councillor Bodanza Present. Councillor David Cormier and Councillor Chalifoux Zephir absent.

Others Present: Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk, Titi Siriphan, Assistant City Clerk.

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS PRESENTED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

July 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes. – The meeting minutes were approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ORDERS FIRST TIME ON THE CALENDAR

C-08 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$75,000.00 to the Fire Department Capital Outlay Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; 2/3 Vote*)

RE: Purchase of new utility truck and Scott Air Packs.

This communication was given regular course.

V. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

VI. CITY OF LEOMINSTER – FINANCIAL REPORT

a. The balance of the stabilization fund was \$18,369,750.00

VII. FINANCE

C-01 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$11,000.00 to the Police Department Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted.

ORDERED: Vote: 7-0 the communication was ADOPTED.

C-02 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$65,000.00 to the Highway Capital Outlay Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted.

ORDERED: Vote: 7-0 the communication was ADOPTED.

C-03 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the attached Loan Order for \$3,000,000.00 be adopted for the Police Station Planning and Owner Project Manager. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; Public Hearing 8/12/2019 @ 6:40 PM; 1st Reading 8/12/2019; 2/3 vote*)

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication and set the hearing date for August 12, 2019 at 6:40PM. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted and the public hearing was set.

C-04 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$83,100.00 to the Highway Capital Outlay Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

RE: Rail Trail

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication further time. Councillor Freda stated she agreed with further time. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted further time.

C-05 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$1,200,000.00 to the Street Resurfacing Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

RE: Paving projects

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted.

ORDERED: Vote: 7-0 the communication was ADOPTED.

C-06 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$77,000.00 to the School Department Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

RE: Telephone System Replacement.

The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication. Council President Marchand commented that the Council has no authority to pass a petition that they all have to go through the Mayo first then Council can take action. Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted.

ORDERED: Vote: 7-0 the communication was ADOPTED.

C-07 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Election & Registration Expense Account; same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 7/08/2019; 2/3 vote*)

**The Finance Committee recommended to grant the communication.
Vote: 7-0, the communication was granted.**

ORDERED: Vote: 7-0 the communication was ADOPTED.

VIII. PUBLIC SERVICE

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**The Public Service committee recommended to grant the petition.
Vote: 7-0 the petition was granted.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Freda said she got a notice about the FCC regarding cable and franchise fees. Explained will affect cable companies' ability to broadcast meetings. Mentioned she has a proposed letter to have Councillors sign.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Councillor Feckley asked to confirm if 64-19 was in the interest of all and that the traffic agent did respond to it.

XI. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 3, 2019 – Beer Fest – Go Online for ticket.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk