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Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Via Remote Video Conference Public Hearing 6:00 PM

In accordance with Governor Charles D. Baker's March 10, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20, the Quincy City Council held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM that aired on Quincy Access Television (QATV) Channel QATV-9 Government Access with Ordinance Committee Chair Anne M. Mahoney presiding. Present were Councillor Cain, Councillor Croall, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Harris, Councillor Liang, Councillor McCarthy, Councillor Palmucci and Councillor Phelan. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative. Closed captioning was provided for this meeting.

2020-165 – Ordinance – Amending Municipal Code - Adding to Chapter 25 – Departments – Article XI – Department of Social Justice and Equity

Speaking in Support/Opposition/Undecided –

- Sue Doherty – 922 Sea Street
- Conevery Valencius – 218 Harvard Street
- Mike Cotter – 5 Post Island Road
- Doug Gray – 176 Bellevue Road
- Matt Valencius – 218 Harvard Street
- Vicy Schow – 50 Bay State Road
- Maggie McKee – 117 Rawson Road
- Jessica Whitney – 2 Cityview Lane
- Lindsay Laguna – 72 Beale Street
- Albert Lee – 23 Bailey Street
- Vanessa Ly – 381 Palmer Street
- Matthew Thomas – 22 Ruggles Street

Chairman Mahoney adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm



Ordinance Committee Meeting 6:05 PM

The Quincy City Council held an Ordinance Committee meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2021 at 6:35 pm via video conferencing with Ordinance Committee Chair Anne M. Mahoney presiding. Present were Councillor Cain, Councillor Croall, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Harris, Councillor Liang, Councillor McCarthy, Councillor Palmucci and Councillor Phelan. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative.

2020-131 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits - Article II – Business Licenses and Fees – Adding - Section 196 - 15 Trespass Towing Regulations

2020-132 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits Article II – Business Licenses and Regulations - Adding - Section 196 - 16 Fingerprint-based Criminal Record Checks

2020-165 – Ordinance – Amending Municipal Code - Adding to Chapter 25 – Departments – Article XI – Department of Social Justice and Equity

Chairman Mahoney opened and adjourned the Ordinance Committee Meeting at 6:35 pm

Public Hearing

Chair Councillor Mahoney reopened the Public Hearing meeting at 6:36 pm

Speaking in Support/Opposition/Undecided –

- Kate Campbell – 37 Cranch Street
- Teodora Laptiste - 132 South Street
- Kathy Groom-Nguyen -27 Hilda Street
- Mai Du – 1229 Hancock Street
- Thanh Vo – 2 Avalon Dr
- Feda Eid – 22 Hill Street
- Valentina McLaughlin – 10 Pembroke Street
- Tere Rodriguez – 6 Douse Road
- John Rodophele – 62 Grenwold Road
- Fay Streigler – 94 Elm Avenue
- Tim Lynch – 122 Park Avenue
- Bob Wegener – 27 Shore Avenue
- Judy Brams – 273 Adams Street
- Yvonne Lamothe – 25 Jordon Street
- Julie Mallozzi – 64 Ellington Road
- Amy Cheung – 144 Phillips Street
- Elizabeth Speakman – 129 Merrymount Road
- Kuan Kee – 238 Farrington Street
- Shaunya Thompson - 1 Cityview Lane
- Maureen Flores – 962 Sea Street

Chairman Mahoney adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:28 pm



City Council Meeting 7:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Quincy called a City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:30 pm via video conferencing with President Nina X. Liang presiding. On the conference call were Councillor Cain, Councillor Croall, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Harris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McCarthy, Councillor Palmucci and Councillor Phelan. Auditor Susan O'Connor, Administration representative Christopher Walker, Commissioner of Public Works Al Grazioso, Solicitor Janet Petkun and Planning Director Jim Fatseas were also dialed into the call. Closed captioning was provided for this meeting.

City Clerk Nicole Crispo called the role

Moment of Silence

City Clerk Nicole Crispo read the open meeting law

President Liang stated that this meeting was being held in accordance with Governor Charles D. Baker's March 10, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20 and this City Council Meeting is being done via remote conferencing services that will air on Quincy Access Television (QATV) Channel QATV-9 Government Access.

Honoring of Speaker Ronald Mariano of the Massachusetts House of Representatives – Councillor Croall

Honoring of Covid-19 Heroes – Retiring Health Commissioner Ruth Jones – President Liang

City Council President Nina X. Liang adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:02 pm

Public Hearing

Chair Councillor Mahoney reopened the Public Hearing meeting at 8:02 pm

Speaking in Support/Opposition/Undecided –

- Lynne Johnson – 29 Sycamore Road
- William Zamzow – 356 Washington Street

Written Correspondences from the below residents and organization have been received by the Clerk of Committees for this item and have been shared with the body.

- Virginia & Peter Dindy - 87 Franklin Street
- Sandy Eaton, RN - 53 Quarry Street
- Mary Lewey and Andrew Sadoway – 170 Holbrook Rd
- Norma Simons Fitzgerald - 124 E Squantum Street, #6
- Jennifer Chen – 28 Barbour Terrace
- Joan Ilacqua and Sarah Marina - 74 Lincoln Avenue
- Conor Gearin - 95 W Squantum Street Apt 414
- Nicole Olusanya – 106 Bunker Hill Lane
- Jessica Whitney – 2 Cityview Lane
- Judy Brams - 273 Adams Street
- Solange Connolly - 130 Hamden Circle
- Matt Valencius - 218 Harvard Street
- Maggie McKee – 117 Rawson Road
- Caitlin Browne - 313 Elmwood Avenue



- Sal Balsamo - 27 Post Island Road
- Cynthia Roche-Cotter & Mike Cotter - 5 Post Island Rd
- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center Quincy
- Asian Community Development Corporation
- Bob Clarke - 77 Island Avenue
- Sue Doherty - 922 Sea Street
- Anne Meyerson- 174 North Central Avenue
- Jennifer Chen – 28 Barbour Terrace
- Jeremy Baryza – 28 Barbour Terrace

Chairman Mahoney closed the Public Hearing at 8:09 pm

Ordinance Committee Meeting

Chair Councillor Mahoney reopened the Ordinance Committee meeting at 8:09 pm

Clerk of Committee Jennifer Manning called the role

Chairman Mahoney with the approval of the body took Council Order # 2020-165 – Ordinance – Amending Municipal Code - Adding to Chapter 25 - Departments – Article XI - Department of Social Justice and Equity out for discussion first.

Councillor Palmucci addressed the body and his support for the creation of the department and submitted the below amendments to the current proposed ordinance for consideration

Amendment 25-64 – Qualifications of Director of Department of Social Justice and Equity
In Section Title 2: Delete the word: “Qualifications” after and replace with “Duties” in its place.

Amendment 25-64 – Qualifications of Director of Department of Social Justice and Equity
In bullet nine of responsibilities: Delete the words: “Coordinate with” and replace with “Serve as a resource to the” in its place.

Amendment 25-64 – Qualifications of Director of Department of Social Justice and Equity
In bullet eleven of responsibilities: Replace “Enhances” with “Enhance” in its place.

Motion for positive recommendation as Amended by Councillor Palmucci

Councillor Liang made an additional amendment to Duties of Director of Department of Social Justice and Equity

After second bullet -

- Organizes community-led processes to identify additional strategies and programming opportunities

Councillor Palmucci accepted the additional amendment

Councillor Cain thanked everyone for their participation in tonight’s public hearing and is supportive of the sentiments of the ordinance but feels that this department will not effect the change that people are looking for.

Councillor Phelan supports the ordinance and feels this is a start.



Councillor Cain requested that Councillor Palmucci withdraw his motion to accept the amendments and positive Recommendation so that work could continue on changes. Councillor Palmucci refused to withdraw motion.

Motion to accept all amendments and move positive recommendation by Councillor Palmucci
The motion approved by 8-1 Roll Call Vote

Also in attendance to discuss CO#'s 2020-131 & 2020-132 –
Steve Durkin - Assistant City Solicitor
Officer Bill Plant Quincy Police Department

2020-131 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits - Article II - Business Licenses and Fees - Adding - Section 196 - 15 Trespass Towing Regulations
Assistant City Solicitor reviewed the Ordinance and the request from QPD to update. This updated ordinance addresses private property owners towing vehicles with limited postings and vehicles being brought to inconvenient locations going against state laws.
Motion for Positive Recommendation approve by Councillor Palmucci
The motion approved by 7-0 Roll Call Vote

2020-132 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits Article II - Business Licenses and Regulations - Adding - Section 196 - 16 Fingerprint-based Criminal Record Checks
Assistant City Solicitor reviewed the Ordinance and the request from QPD to update. This ordinance requires that those applying for hackney, hawkers and peddlers licenses be finger printing and have criminal records checks run by QPD prior to issuing a license.
Motion for Positive Recommendation approve by Councillor Palmucci
The motion approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Chairman Mahoney closed the Ordinance Committee at 9:32 pm

City Council Meeting

City Council President Nina X. Liang reopened the City Council meeting at 9:32 pm

2021-006 – Order - Wollaston Center - Urban Redevelopment Plan – Mayor Koch

James J. Fatseas, Director - Planning and Community Development
Robert Stevens, Deputy Director - Planning and Community Development
James Scribi, Economic Development - Planning and Community Development
Jef Fasser, AICP, RLA, LEED AP, Vice President - BSC Group

Mr. Stevens reviewed the Urban Renewal area, process and requirements, decadent area findings, concept plans, potential budget and funding sources. Plan implementation is expected to revitalize this neighborhood center and business district by attracting new or expanding existing businesses, encouraging mixed-use residential development, improving circulation for pedestrians, vehicles, and public transit, enhancing visitor experience for business customers, and strengthening the quality of life for residents.



Next Steps Plan Approval –

- City Council – Committee Meetings and Public Hearing
- Planning Board will review, comment, and endorse the plan
- Citizen Advisory Committee will be formed to review the plan and provide a report to the City Council
- Locally approved plan filed with the state Department of Housing and Community Development

Next Steps After Plan Approval -

- All urban renewal plans require the organization of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) application to be filed at the MEPA Office
- Pursue the implementation of a District Improvement Financing (DIF) District for Wollaston
- Advance engineering design and funding for public improvements

Motion by Councillor Mahoney, Seconded by Councillor Phelan to refer to Ordinance and Downtown & Economic Committees

Yeas have it

Communications –

Councillor Mahoney requested information on replacement for Health Commissioner Ruth Jones who recently retired and requested that the Council be kept updated on filling the position. Councillors are encouraged to direct questions and concerns related to the Health Dept. to Chris Walker or Helen Murphy in the Mayor's office.

Councillor Croall addressed the body and formally resigned from his Ward Two City Council seat.

Councillor Liang reviewed the process to fill the open Ward Two City Council Seat. Qualified individuals must be a current registered voter of Ward Two and submit written intent and resume for consideration by the City Council to both the City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo at ncrispo@quincyma.gov and Clerk of Committees Jennifer Manning at jmanning@quincyma.gov by Noon on Friday, January 22, 2021. A Special Meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 pm to nominate and elect a qualified individual to serve as Ward Two City Councillor for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term due Councillor Brad L. Croall's resignation.

Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting –

None

Reports of Committees –

Ordinance Committee –

2020-131 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits - Article II - Business Licenses and Fees - Adding - Section 196 - 15 Trespass Towing Regulations

Positive Recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chair Councillor Mahoney

Motion to approve by Councillor Mahoney, Seconded by Councillor Harris

The motion approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote



2020-132 – Ordinance – Amending – Chapter 196 Licenses and Permits Article II - Business Licenses and Regulations - Adding - Section 196 - 16 Fingerprint-based Criminal Record Checks
 Positive Recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chair Councillor Mahoney
 Motion to approve by Councillor Mahoney, Seconded by Councillor Harris
 The motion approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2020-165 – Ordinance – Amending Municipal Code - Adding to Chapter 25 – Departments – Article XI – Department of Social Justice and Equity
 Positive Recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chair Councillor Mahoney
 Motion to approve by Councillor Mahoney, Seconded by Councillor Harris
 The motion approved by 8-1 Roll Call Vote

Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrance –

Councillor Harris discussed the acts of vandalism and uptick in crime recently in Ward Six

Councillor Mahoney remembered Cathy Burchmore a O'Brien Towers resident and volunteer for the Salvation Army and Quincy Hospital who recently passed way.

Motions, Orders, Resolutions –

None

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, January 25th	6:30 PM	Special City Council Meeting - Special City Council Meeting to Nominate & Elect a qualified individual to serve as Ward Two City Councillor for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term
Monday, February 1 st	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, February 8 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, March 1 st	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, March 15 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, April 5 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, April 12 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, May 3 rd	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, May 17 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting

Adjournment at 10:55 PM