

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Government Services *co-posted with the Committee of the Whole
met in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
June 14, 2019 at 11:19 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: all committee members present

SUBJECT(S)

*#594 of 2018 – New PA System for the Council Chambers (Co-Posted) ✓

*#170 & #204 – To receive applications/resumes from Salem residents by March 25, 2019 & City Clerk submitting applications to Government Services co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to review and make recommendations to the full Council (Co-Posted)

#154 – Improvements to lighting in the Downtown/B-5 Zone (Gvt. Svcs. Only)

*#641 – National Grid to halt any non-emergency work in Salem until the lockout is over (Co-Posted)

#594 ~ PA. up first.

COMMITTEE members present - Councillors Furey, Madore, McCarthy, Flynn, Sargent - Non committee members Councillors Peterson and Dominguez - City Clerk Simmons started to explain the PA. - Pat Kennedy, Matt Killian to explain the work that went into this - Matt Killian explained being 21st century into Council chambers to help. Rob Berstler present from CCS who was recommended for this project. He showed us a slide show. Explained his company. Councillor McCarthy asked about turning on and off each microphone. Councillor Dominguez asked about the controls of individual microphones. Clerk Simmons explained the microphones. Councillor Peterson asked about a microphone to pass around. Councillor Flynn asked about a speaker in the hallway outside the hallway,

Clerk Simmons said first ^{Prior} ~~priority~~ ^{to} is to get the council chambers done first. Question from floor audience about the screen, Orlean Mello 115 Federal St. Touch Panel is center of the system that is located at the Council President's Podium. Councillor Dominguez asked if control panel could use wifi or i. This is not for wifi. Councillor McCarthy asked if compatible with SATV. Follow up question about Tweaking after installed up and working. CCS Rep said a service called after setup. IST for city gave approval recommendation - Motion to approve McCarthy and by Furey. Question by Councillor Furey said we need to be in the 21st century, he brought up this in budget meeting, A.C. noisy, Police or Train underneath goes by you hear it. he is for it, lay over does. Councillor Dominguez had a question about Technology. Councillor Madore thanked the people that put this together. Councillor Peterson asked how tall the height of the wall in center of Council chambers, he will get the dimensions, Polly Wilbert 7 Cedar St. had a question about acoustics and who controls volume. This controlled by panel at President's desk. Councillor Dominguez asked if control could be moved. IT can't it is wired. But the panel can be moved. Matt Killian explained the new ^{use} ~~wire~~ ^{to} we to get use to i. Councillor Peterson asked if control panel should be at clerk's desk. Clerk Simmons said her desk is full on meeting nights. CCS Rep discussed volume levels. Orlean Mello asked about a speaker out in the hallway. Matt Killian addressed. Motion McCarthy and Furey to give a positive recommendation Passed 5-0.

- Councillor Furey had to leave at this point

On the motion of C.

the meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

(Chairperson)

= order 154 - improvement to lighting in down town zone.

- City Electrician discussed the lighting and how Councillor Peterson addressed this regarding a commitment outside B.S. zone that noticed a few issues like upward light pollution, she mentioned to Cambridge light ordinance, (she was out of town), simple shielding, John Giardi discussed dark sky zones and why we have flat lights, we can't shield lights. We did invite the City Electrician but didn't see City Engineer on order. John Giardi said Derby St.

will be replaced due to dark spots. He didn't see Cambridge ordinance, ^{Peterson will get him a copy.} Councillor Peterson had more questions, Councillor Madore received requests from constituents about

Higginson sq - how much power do they use. Also, string lights on trees, they do the best they can with the resources. Madore will follow up. Councillor McCarthy has had discussions about lighting on Derby St. lots of complaints on Derby St. not lit enough. Mr. Giardi will try a brighter one. Concern of crosswalks.

Johns been great to work with. Councillor Sargent brought in due to crosswalks. Councillor Dominguez question about lights going in or off by darkness, and about solar power. Councillor Peterson wanted to thank John. Polly Gilbert 7 Cedar St. about

bright on Canal St. Then dark at Riley Plaza. Could this be looked at this area. (Difference on Canal then Riley Plaza)

Doreen Millis 115 Federal St - asked about snapped tree branches and talk to workers. Councillor Macky move it remain in committee 2w Councillor Madore. Councillor Sargent move to amend to include any lights in all street lights and Madore

To Approve all cts 4/0 in favor.
all.

641 move to discharge Councillor Sargent 2nd
Councillor MacThay. 4/0

170 + 204

Councillor Madore addressed
Dukean Mellis updated The Committee or
Councillor Madore - Curtis Dragon 6 Curtis St.
gave his certification. Councillor Madore came there
Mayor as heavy operator of the council.

Councillor McCarthy discussed - whose vetting
out the resumes - also To Curtis Dragon does
he work for the City. answer no

① Curtis Dragon - introduced his background in this area,
asked Councillors to ask 2 questions which will be the
same for every candidate.

Councillor McCarthy asked - 1st what drew you to apply;
- 2nd question - empty tree pits ~~what~~ if appointed what do you see
as a priority, do you look urban or outskirts -

Councillor Madore no new question - Councillor Sargent asked
about trees under wires to get V shape. 2nd question
Roots of trees and sewer and water pipes. wants
to help

David Rowand - introduced general poplar rule
in the commission - wants to increase tree canopy. Gas leaks
and trees. Need someone from community

Councillor McCarthy discussed The Candidate
① what drew to Apply - 2nd question Tree pits,
vision to prioritize downtown or outskirts.

Councillor Sargent 1st - already answered
2nd already answered about roots and utilities.

Lisa Lavoie - 10 Savory Rd. Explained
background. Councillor McCarthy ① what drew
you to Apply 2nd Open Tree pits.

✓ Councillor Sargent - 1st question about The
Trimming by wires. 2nd Roots on utilities.

Susan Yachewski not present, David
Rowland spoke on her behalf. Curt Oryon
spoke on her behalf.

Joshua Aresten - Councillor Madore got
on why his application was late submitted. He
then introduced himself to the committee

Councillor McCarthy 1st Draw to Apply. 2nd Tree
pits in the city. Councillor Sargent asked about
when application shared interest before March 25, 2019,
① Tree ✓ Trimming question ② effects of Roots
to city utilities.

Madore move to accept Mr. Aresten 2nd
Councillor Sargent. 4 to 0.

Councillor Sargent shared Councillor McCarthy
would like him to be as a motion to appoint

2nd Councillor McCarthy - Under discussion

Councillor Madore

Deputy Mello - spoke on this.

and Councillor McCarthy spoke on this

Councillor Mello Sargent asked about swapping out this position.

Councillor McCarthy spoke on about putting it out again.

Motion Councillor Sargent recommends appointing tonight - 2nd Councillor McCarthy

Follow up motion McCarthy recommends #3 put Mr. Dragon to fill 2nd Councillor Madore.

- Mr. Dragon one position

- Councillor Sargent said put 2 names each consider a vote. Say two names

Motion To Reconn Mr. Dragon all there is for

4/0 - Curtis Dragon to be reconned as kennel architect

- Suggestions to appoint the other 2 positions - General public -

- Lira Lavoie will withdraw

- Council Sargent recommend David Rowand 2nd by Councillor Madore. 4/0

- Gen position motion Councillor Madore to reconned Joshua Arenstein 2nd Councillor McCarthy. Councillor McCarthy gave credit to have Lira Lavoie step aside. 4/0 passed.

Motion adjourn McCarthy 2nd Sargent M.P 8:25 PM

