

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Community & Economic Development co-posted with the Committee of the Whole

will met in the Council Chamber on January 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

January 9, 2024 at 3:03 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: none

Also in attendance: COW: c Hapworth, c Merkl, c Prosniewski, c Cohen, c Watson Felt, c Morsillo

SUBJECT(S)

#77 Meet with the Planning Dept and CIU Unit to discuss single room Occupancy

#391 Creating an Overlay district relative to food trucks and temporary food vendors

#560 Discussing Haunted Happenings 2023 issues and debriefing

Chair Stott opened the meeting at 6:31 & read agenda

C Stott opened by welcoming new councillors, read purpose of Committee and meeting times – not standard meeting times like other committees, meet on ad-hoc basis, attendance and availability responses are much appreciated

Hybrid meetings are an option – please just provide a heads up so the link can be provided and to ensure we will have quorum. In the committee, C Stott expects conversations to be diverse – more open public commentary, more invitees to present and speak, for example city staff and members of the community. 2 Rules asked for by the chair; Discussions happen in turn and we have respect for one another, information provided is read ahead of time. Will call for a motion if meetings are over 2 hours, respectful of everyone's time, and also effectiveness just goes way down when you are on a topic for too long.

Motions that could be called were reviewed, need three motions this evening.

C Stott: CED has three new members of council on the committee this year, with three active items in committee, thought it would be prudent to have a brief meeting to review the matters in committee and decide on direction the committee will take, if any. Agenda items:

#77 Meet with the Planning Dept and CIU Unit to discuss single room Occupancy

C Stott read the order from C Hapworth put into the Committee in Feb 2023 and a committee meeting was never held, no further info provided. SROs were touched on in both the Mayors speech at inauguration and during our retreat this past weekend. C Stott reached out to the planning department, who provided the letter in the back up documentation. Essentially, the planning department will be working on this matter inhouse as a 2024 priority, alongside the AHTF, using the trust fund as

a means for public discussion, along with other bodies, including council on aging, CIU, etc. The expectation is there will be something for the council to review, whatever that may be, in late 2024.

C Stott Would like to see the matter discharged from the committee and when a policy or ordinance change is presented to council, the discussion will be brought back in.

C Varela moved to discharge the matter from committee (with no action) C Stott seconded the motion

C Cohen stated he was excited to see the matter back in committee for discussion when ready.

Voted: 5/0 - matter is discharged

#391 Creating an Overlay district relative to food trucks and temporary food vendors

C Stott read C Varelas order

C Varela wants to codify this in ordinance, but does not have that written yet; will work with the city solicitor to write something up, possibly similar to the recent outdoor dining policy which had guardrails in ordinance, and details in related policy.

C Varela moved to discharge the matter from committee (with no action) C Davis seconded the motion

Voted: 5/0

#560 Discussing Haunted Happenings 2023 issues and debriefing

C Stott noted this conversation is one that many are interested in after the successful meeting last year. This was also briefly mentioned at the retreat this past weekend. Would like the matter to remain in committee. If it does, will be calling for scheduling in February. This will provide time for financials from Q4 calendar 2023 to be available from the state.

C Varela moved to keep the matter in committee C Stott seconded the motion

Voted: 5/0

Pubic Comment

David Prezensky, Salem MA; Please ensure the HH meeting discusses how HH benefits residents. Salem must support residents.

On the motion of C. Varela, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



(Chairperson)