



CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Ordinance Committee Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, City Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 1, 2024**
Meeting Time: **8:30 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 8:32a.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, Councilor Fergus Cullen, Councilor Lindsey Williams, City Attorney Joshua Wyatt, and Legal Assistant Patricia Moniello.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No citizens or members of the public present for public forum.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES –

- February 5, 2024

Councilor Williams moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Cullen.
All in favor. Unanimous.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OR PENDING ORDINANCES

Attorney Wyatt discussed the three ordinances moving forward for the next meeting. The first ordinance, Chapter 9, Sections 5 and 20, will repeal the Dover Pool Advisory Committee and merge/consolidate the current members with the Recreation Advisory Board and shall now include eleven (11) members and three (3) alternates.

Councilor Cullen indicated he would like to see, at some point, the resulting merged committee limit its members to nine (9) – meaning when their membership expires, that the member is not automatically re-appointed.

Councilor Williams added that the members who are on the board now are the ones who really want to be on the board. Councilor Williams indicated there are a few members whose time limit is coming up, that she knows will not come back to the committee because of the merger, and that they will keep this item in the queue to see how membership will go once a new Recreation Director is hired.

Attorney Wyatt mentioned that the City Clerk and Colleen Bessette were working together on creating a spreadsheet of all of the committees and their members so as to better track terms, which could assist with managing future appointments/members.

Attorney Wyatt then explained the next two ordinances, Chapter 97, Sections 3 and 6 and Chapter 109, Sections 3, 5, 7, 8, which are companion ordinances and intended to update the



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code to stay consistent with recent legislation repealing RSA Chapter 320. He explained that the repeal was effective last summer.

Councilor Cullen pointed out that the preexisting code text defining “Peddler”, for example, includes certain terms in one clause but not a later clause. Councilor Cullen also pointed out other items in text such as the word “till”, which he thinks should be changed to “work”.

Councilor Williams requested changes to preexisting code text still using the pronoun “his”, which we have worked to change to “their” through the City Code.

A motion was made by Councilor Williams to refer the above pending ordinances to the next session. Seconded by Councilor Cullen. Unanimous.

Attorney Wyatt indicated he would update the ordinance and a new version would appear in the Council’s packets for April 10th.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

7. BUILD AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Deputy Mayor Shanahan confirmed a placeholder for next Ordinance Committee meeting would be tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., if needed.

8. ADJOURN

Councilor Williams moved to adjourn - seconded by Councilor Cullen. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.