

Estelle M. Rand-Chair
Todd C. Rotondo
Brendan S. Sweeney

LEGAL AFFAIRS / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 30, 2023, 7:00PM

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Beverly City Hall, 191 Cabot St.

Rand called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members present: Todd Rotondo, Brendan Sweeney, Estelle Rand

Other Councilors present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Kathleen Feldman, Matthew St. Hilaire, Scott Houseman

Others present: City Solicitor Stephanie Williams, City Council Budget Analyst Gerry Perry, Marilyn Contreas from the Collins Center

Order Number	Date to Committee	Description	Action Taken
#276	11/14/2022	Mayor's response to Order 75A proposed amendments to 1995 Beverly Home Rule Charter	Approve (3-0)
#276A	12/20/2022	Solicitor Williams-Regarding Order #276 Mayor's Edits Incorporated into Draft Charter Approved by the City Council Order #75A	Receive and place on file (3-0)
#282	11/14/2022	Councilor Bowen-A letter regarding Accessory Dwelling Units	Hold
#006	1/3/2023	City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Garden City Residences, 490 Rantoul Street	Hold
#007	1/3/2023	City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Grigor Qirjazi, 32 Broadway	Hold
#016	1/17/2023	City Clerk-Application for a New Lodging license for 278 Rantoul Street LLC, located at 278 Rantoul Street (new ownership)	Hold
#017	1/17/2023	Application for a renewal of a lodging license for Turner Properties, Cabot Lodge 91-93 Cabot Street	Hold

Discussion on Order #276

Perry spoke about the process and recommended adopting the mayor's proposal. No one individual is going to agree with the whole document. There are several elements that will go to a referendum in the fall where the residents will be allowed to decide. Perry expressed concern about time management. There will need to be another vote on this, as well as a vote on the home rule petition to get it to the state so that it can be sent back before the election. One of the things the state will look at is the vote of the council as a whole. If they see a 9-0 vote, it may go faster than if they see a 5-4 vote. Perry reiterated his recommendation to support the mayor's proposals.

Contreas stated the last local step will be to approve the petition itself, which is the proposed legislation that will go to the state and be filed. Then there is a hearing before the Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. The city will be notified of the date of the hearing. They do expect community officials to testify

or submit written testimony. If you want to get it on the November ballot, it would have to come out of the governor's office by August.

Sweeney asked if the changes to Section 8-15 would be considered a substantive change.

Williams stated the mayor did not approve of 3-4, which would be a substantial change, so there would be a renumbering of 8-15. Williams stated another change in this section would be that the notice would go to human resources instead of the city clerk since it would be a personnel matter. If it was for an appointee of the city council, the notice would go to human resources and then be forwarded to the city council president.

Sweeney asked Perry's perspective on the mayor wanting to strike 6-2.

Perry stated he agrees with the mayor on this one. Perry said in his own view it is a redundancy.

The motion to accept the mayor's modifications as proposed (Order #276) was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (3-0).

The motion to receive Order #276A and place it on file was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (3-0).

The motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (8-0).

The motion to adjourn Committee on Legal Affairs was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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