

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 via Zoom.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins
Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas
Councilmember Paul J. McAuley
Councilmember Edward J. Brady
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Vice-Chair
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos
Councilmember John P. Donegan
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

4-20-07 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations” (Third party Delivery Services). Sponsored by Councilmembers Donegan and Brady. Cont. 5/14/2020.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilmember Donegan stated that, in speaking to Attorney Kirshenbaum, there is more research to be done on this and he would not oppose to a continuance.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that he did some research and is concerned about what authority we have to regulate commerce because he does not think we have any authority.

Councilmember Vargas indicated that there is a House Bill at the State level and believes that they had a hearing this past week. She would like to get Legal Counsel’s perspective on this.

Solicitor Rawson stated that he can speak to Attorney Kirshenbaum regarding this. He also stated that he does agree with Council Vice-President Favicchio regarding our authority to do this.

Councilmember Donegan stated that he thinks we should leave this Ordinance on the agenda until next month and get Attorney Kirshenbaum’s opinion and there is also a change in the Ordinance he would like Attorney Kirshenbaum to make.

Council President Farina suggested removing this Ordinance from the agenda, have it re-drafted and bring it back when Attorney Kirshenbaum has his opinion.

Councilmember Donegan withdrew the Ordinance and stated that he will have Attorney Kirshenbaum re-draft another one. He may have Attorney Kirshenbaum re-draft the Ordinance to be introduced June 22nd and referred to the Ordinance Committee in August.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees