Committee on General Government February 1, 2022 Draft minutes

Topic: General Government Committee

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Agenda

Public Hearing

- APPT00296_01_10_2022 KP Law, City Solicitor 2/1/23

Committee members present: Vogel, Zeid, Shand

Non-committee members: McCauley

City Solicitor Mark Reich representing KP Law

Discussion regarding KP Law Re-Appointment as City Solicitor

Councillor Zeid questioned what issues is KP seeing throughout the state.

Atty Reich discussed STRU's, Marijuana issues, MBTA communities (Zoning Act), labor issues (BOH, Vaccination mandates) CARES Act and ARPA fund issues

SZ: Is Newburyport budget for city solicitor comparable to other communities at the 100-140K, (not atypical) and are budgets generally split (mayor and council having budgets)

JM: Comments for committee, all opinions were cc'd to the mayor, disingenuous when mayor was cc'd. Comments KP Laws findings are inconsistent (Fuller Field & CPA funds example)

Councilor Zeid motioned to approve the appointment, Councillor Vogel seconded Vote from the committee was 3-0 to recommend approval

Committee adjourned.