

Committee on General Government - Minutes
August 24, 2022
6:00 pm

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Committee members in attendance: Councilor Bruce Vogel (at-large), Councilor Sharif Zeid (Ward 1), Councilor Heather Shand (Ward 3 – Chair)
Other Councilors: Councilor Jennie Donahue (ward 2), Councilor Afroz Khan (At-large)
Public: Chief of Staff Andrew Levine, Geordie Vining (Senior Planner), Deputy Stephen Bradbury (fire department), Jane Snow, Ilene Grady

Agenda

- COMM00422 Mayor's Memo and Community Paradigm Associates Report (COTW)
- COMM00405 Mayor's Strategic Plan (COTW)
- COMM00418 Ltr. Claire Papanastasiou re: IFS Proposed Settlement
- COMM00419 Ltr. Peter Mackin re:IFS Proposed Settlement
- COMM00402 12 Cushing Ave. Paper St. Inquiry
- COMM00410 Ltr. Lawrence Cavalieri Coffin St. Ext.
- COMM00427 Memo Update re: West End Fire Station Project
- COMM00417 Ltr: Jane Snow Coffin Street

Communication 00427 :Memo update re:West End Fire Project

Geordie Vining discusses latest updates on the project.

- Assessing viability of geo thermal system to meet cities net zero goals
- Planning board submission for site plan review expected end of month to meet submission deadline for October meeting.
- Mike Bartlett (DPS) comments on geo thermal system, maintenance could be farmed out.

Councilor Khan: Has the Energy Advisory Committee been involved in the design efforts?
GV – Yes, EAC has been engaged.

Councilor Vogel: Questions on geo thermal and natural gas
Depute Bradbury :station would have natural gas backup generator that is testing 30 minutes weekly.

Councilor Zeid: When will cost estimates be available? How is the design looking compared to the last schematic? When should there be another check-in with the design committee? When can there be a neighborhood meeting?

GV: Mid September should be when cost estimates are available, the design hasn't changed much since the last meeting in the spring, agreed on needing another check in

and the next opportunity for public input would be at the Planning Board meeting which should be at the beginning of October (10/5).

No public comment.

Councilor Zeid motions to receive and file, Councilor Vogel seconds.

Vote:3-0 to receive and file.

Communication 405: Mayor's Strategic Plan



Mayors Strategic
Plan Presentation 8.24

Chief of Staff Levine reviews overarching plan from the mayor's office.

Councilor Vogel: The 5 pillars mentioned don't include the reorg.

Councilor Khan: With the many plans out there (complete streets, etc) how does this work with other plans in place with the administration? Wonders how to get all these plans into one document. How will ordinances get updated with changes to administrative structure? Overall likes the 5 pillars especially those addressing affordable housing and resiliency.

SZ: Not a master plan person, but appreciates the documents.

No public comment.

Councilor Vogel motions to receive and file, Councilor Zeid seconds

Vote:3-0 to receive and file

Communication 422: Mayor's Memo and Community Paradigm Associates Report (COTW)



Community Paradigm
Associates Report Po

Chief of Staff presents attached presentation to go through Community Paradigm report.

AK: Would like to have seen more input on what long term and short term options were available and have more studies done on what couldn't be implemented immediately.

BV: Wants to see steps to get to what department changes would look like.

SZ: Tremendous value for \$7500. Merits studies in and out of house. Emphasizes for support on all things contract related (positions and will, likes to see contracts and appointments in alignment). Agrees with others about special project manager but still has concerns. IT &

Finance: How does school IT fit into this conversation? Next inflection point is next year's budget.

BV: From conversations with Owen Smith, changes open the door to all that goes on in the city infrastructure.

JD: Would like to see more money spent on additional studies to get better data on changes.

Public Comment:

Owen Smith, 175 Storey Ave., Water Commissioner – Likes to see the big picture day to day operations reviewed. What human capital is in place to go after larger projects? Concerned with deferred maintenance on the city infrastructure.

Jane Snow, 9 Coffin Street: Report was helpful, hasn't been done in the past.

Councilor Zeid motioned to receive and file, Councilor Vogel seconds.

Vote: 3-0 to receive and file.

COMM00418 Ltr. Claire Papanastasiou re: IFS Proposed Settlement & COMM00419 Ltr. Peter Mackin re: IFS Proposed Settlement

Councilor Zeid motions to receive and file, Councilor Vogel seconds

Vote 3-0 to receive and file the two communications

COMM00402 12 Cushing Ave. Paper St. Inquiry, COMM00410 Ltr. Lawrence Cavalieri Coffin St. Ext., COMM00417 Ltr: Jane Snow Coffin Street



Paper-Street-Policy-Assessor-Final Draft.pdf

Councilor Shand reviews what Assessor Brennan, Director Port, Clerk Jones and Chief of Staff Levine drafted for what the city policy on paper streets should be for residents going forward. Draft plan still needs review and approval by the mayor, but all participants agreed it was a start.

SZ: Shouldn't rely on mi-maps for actual surveys. Does the planning office have what they need? Is there a follow on checklist for title exam and permits (ANR)? Would like to make sure residents know the latest updates.

HS: Will make sure residents are updated on the latest findings based on the draft procedures.

Public Comment:

Ilene Grady, 10 Cushing Ave- Appreciates the update to the inquiries

Jane Snow, 9 Coffin Street – would like to see the rules for dead end streets.

Committee will hold the three communications until September meeting (9/21) to allow mayor's office time to review and approve.

Motion to adjourn made by SZ, second BV. Vote 3-0 to adjourn

Meeting ends at 7:35