

## Meeting Minutes Committee on General Government

December 4, 2023

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### Meeting Recording:

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### Members

Cllr. Heather Shand, Chair  
Cllr. Bruce Vogel, At-large (zoom)  
Cllr. Byron Lane, Ward 6 (zoom)

### Other Participants

Cllr. Jim McCauley (Ward 5) Zoom  
Cllr. Jennie Donahue (Ward 2) Zoom  
Cllr. Ed Cameron (At-Large)- present

## Agenda

- ORDR00239 Council Rule 7 and 10B
- COMM00461 Brown School Gymnasium Considerations (COTW)
- COMM00468 Brown School Proposal (COTW)

Meeting started at 5:30

ORDR00239 Council Rule 7 and 10B was requested to be received and filed by the sponsoring Councilor (Cllr. Khan). Motion made by Cllr. Vogel, second by Cllr. Shand. 2 in favor (BV, HS) 1 present (BL).

### Public Comment:

Jared Eigerman, 83 High Street

- Concerns brought up of Cllr. Vogel's residency in Newburyport and whether he should be allowed to participate in the meeting.

Discussion between councilors results in the remaining items on the agenda to be moved to the next session. Motion made to move to the next session (BV), seconded by (HS). 2 votes to move to next session, 1 vote present (BL)

### Public Comment

Cllr. Jim McCauley

- Speaks to wanting Brown School gym bids for what it takes to reactivate the gym
- Not to put time into creating a quote package.

Jane Snow, 9 Coffin Street

- Speaks on the housing stock in the community and to do homework when making decisions on Brown School.

Stephanie Niketic, 93 High Sstreet

- Asks about the RFP process for the Brown School and will it be brought back to the council in the next session

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Richard Lodge, 15 Hancock Street

- Asks about RFP for the Brown School
- Concerned with delays with council review of the RFP
- Doesn't think we should invest in the gym

Andrew Shapiro, 19 Eagle Street

- Member of the AHT but not speaking on their behalf.
- Hopes to see the RFP process go forward

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Cllr. Jennie Donahue

- Asks about the RFP process and where things stand

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Cllr. Ed Cameron

- Thinks the RFP should move forward
- Comments on whether gym could be utilized as community space
- Speaks to the housing production plan

Meeting adjourned at 6:00, 3-0