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Draft Minutes of the Legislative Ordinance Committee Meeting

The Ordinance Committee met on Thursday September 25th, 2015 in Meeting Room 1 of the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Lane, Newtown. Committee Chairman Ryan Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Present: Ms Jacob, Mr. Girgasky, Mr. Chaudhary and Mr. Knapp.

Absent: Mr. Girgasky, Ms. Bermudez

Also in attendance: Police Chief Michael Kehoe.

MINUTES: Mr. Chaudhary motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of 9/02/2015. Ms. Jacob seconded. Three in favor, one abstention (Mr. Girgasky).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Old Business

In consideration of the guest, Mr. Knapp requested that the group deal with the Alarm Ordinance First.

Review and recommendation regarding a possible new alarm ordinance per the charge set forth by the Legislative Council on February 18, 2015.

Mr. Knapp opened the discussion with the legal review of the Alarm Ordinance which did include substantive changes, voiding the motion made at the prior meeting.

The group reviewed the recommended changes by legal. The feeling on Suspension of Response was that it is very similar to what is used in the existing ordinance.

Chief Kehoe said that suspension of response is a last resort and not often needed.

The group discussed adding implementation language given the changing ordinance, allowing a registration grace period for the first 6 months while the PD updates its database.

Chief Kehoe would like to see us add a definition of an On Site Employee.

Mr. Knapp will make the grammatical and small changes, then circulate a new draft for legal to review prior to a committee meeting to be scheduled for next week.

Review of purchasing regulations.

Mr. Knapp opened the discussion with the suggested changes provided by Finance Director Bob Tait.

The group reviewed the recommendations and determined they match the discussion had in the prior meeting.

Ms. Jacob made a motion to accept the changes provided. Mr. Chaudhary seconded. All in favor.

The Committee discussed possible meeting times between this meeting and the next council meeting. Mr. Knapp will reach out to legal and see what works best.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Mr. Chaudhary motioned to adjourn at 9:30pm. Mr. Girgasky seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan W. Knapp
Ordinance Committee Chairman