

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Standing Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Energy

Councilor David Marshall (D2), Chair

Councilor Kevin Donoghue (D1), Vice Chair

Councilor John Anton (A/L)

Councilor Cheryl Leeman (D4)

May 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chair David Marshall, Councilor Kevin Donoghue, Councilor John Anton, Councilor Cheryl Leeman (absent), John Peverada, Jeremiah Bartlett, Kathi Earley, Melissa Graffam, Ian Houseal, Michael Bobinsky, Troy Moon, Eric Labelle, Caitlin Cameron, Jeff Levine

Chair David Marshall called the meeting at 5:37 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Councilor Anton to approve of said meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Passed 3-0.

2. A. University Wayfinding Proposal Response

Item was a communication item.

3. A. 2013 Work Plan

Peter Monroe asked that when the discussion of the Sea Level Rise is discussed in July, the Committee adopt a level of standard regarding this as soon as possible. Sally Trice asked to have the Committee to put the usage of pesticides on the work plan.

The Committee approved the 2013 work plan without objection, 3-0.

3. B. Traffic Schedule Amendment

1. 119 Exchange Street Building (Parking Changes on Exchange, Federal and Market)

The Committee was given a set of new plans with the correct markings for the parking changes.

Motion made by Councilor Anton to approve the parking changes. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

3. C. Valet Parking- Endorse/forward to City Council (Code of Ordinance Changes)

Motion made by Councilor Anton to forward the ordinance to City Council. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

3. D. Multi-family Recycling Ordinance

Troy Moon presented the information regarding the proposed multi-family recycling ordinance. Councilor Anton was comfortable with passing the ordinance; but without the “free” recycling containers. He also mentioned the education to the public will be important.

Motion made by Councilor Anton to recommend ordinance to the City Council as presented with the request that the memo states no free recycling containers; but has educational items. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

3. E. Tar Sands Resolution

The Committee took comments from the public.

Chris Gillis, Portland Pipe Line- Feels it is discriminatory to his company. He urges the Committee not to pass this.

Luke, Portland Resident- Hopes the resolution passes.

John Quinn, Executive Director of New England Petroleum- The resolution is not accurate. It mentions the July 10 rupture; which was internal. March 2013 spill was not tar sands oil that was spilled. Also questioned the rush for the resolution, since there is no special “line” to carry the oil sand.

Mark, Portland Pilots- Has never seen a company like Portland Pipe Line, in all of his 26 years of experience. It is so involved and a place where safety is number one. They practice safety drills all the time. Also mentioned the economic downturn.

Sally Trice, Portland Resident- Strongly supports resolution.

Dana Sawyer, Portland Resident- In favor of resolution

Elliot Stanley, Sebago Lake Anglers Association- Supports resolution.

Councilor Marshall thanked Ian Houseal for all his work on the draft resolutions.

Motion made by Councilor Anton to send the resolution as written to City Council. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

4. A. Green Building Code Amendments- Review Draft Recommendations

Jeff Levine and Caitlin Cameron presented the changes to the Green Building Code. Councilor Anton asked them to finish tightening up the amendments and have an outreach meeting with the contractors and builders.

This item will be brought back to the June meeting as an action item.

4. B. Winter Parking Ban Evaluation- Discussion/Seek Public Feedback

Councilor Anton asked if staff would be able to make the changes (any that may be presented) for next winter. Michael Bobinsky stated they could if we identify certain streets and what the element of changes are.

Councilor Donoghue asked if we can reduce the number of people we have to move. He had an idea of possible even/odd parking lanes. He would like the department of Public Services to look into the practicality of it. Councilor Donoghue also asked what other types of bans could we have. What are other communities our size doing.

Ben Schmitt, a Portland Resident, has met with Mike Bobinsky and Eric Labelle regarding this and he would like to see more information; such as cost analysis on different bans.

The item will be discussed in a meeting in July

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm