



Legislative and Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018
9-10 AM
Room 209
City Hall

I. Call to order

Chair Ali called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Present were Councilor and Committee Chair Chair Pious Ali, Councilor and Committee member Jill Duson, Councilor and Committee member Kim Cook, Mayor Ethan Strimling, School Committee member Roberto Rodriguez, Alicia Gardiner, Executive Director of Budget and Finance, PPS, City Manager Jon Jennings, Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta, Kate Knox, Esq., Alysia Melnick, Esq., Mike Murray(Staff), David MacLean (Administrator, Social Services Division, DHHS), Troy Moon (Sustainability Coordinator), Chris Huff City Assessor), Jeff Levine(Director of Planning and Urban Development).

II. Approval of minutes

1. Approval of October 10, 2018 meeting minutes

- Councilor Duson made motion to postpone of the October 10, 2018 minutes; Councilor Cook seconded. Motion to postpone passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the October 30, 2018 minutes

- Councilor Cook amended the minutes to reflect that Mr. Jennings and Mr. Murray were to have a discussion about the content of the October 10, 2018 minutes. Councilor Duson moved passage of the amended minutes; Councilor Cook seconded; move to accept the amended minutes of October 30, 2018 meeting 3-0.

III. New Business

1. Presentation of City Legislative Priorities

- Proposal to return GA reimbursement to the pre-2015 level of 10% city; 90% state when general assistance costs for the fiscal year are in excess of .0003 of the municipality's most recent valuation relative to the state fiscal year for which reimbursement is being issued as determined by the State Tax Assessor.

Committee Recommendation – Staff to bring back proposal for committee to review.

- Proposal to have State provide GA assistance to asylum seekers from the time that duration of stay for which a person is considered lawfully present to the time the individual obtains proof of receipt of the asylum application being received by the Federal Government, which allows that person 24 months of assistance from that date. The “gap” can be anywhere from 6-9 months without coverage. *Committee Recommendation – Prepare Bill Title*
- Proposal for legislation to relax the net metering cap for large scale community solar; currently set a 1MW. *Committee Recommendation - lobbyist and staff to monitor for Bill Titles*
- Proposal for legislation to compensate municipal and community solar project owners in cash rather than kWh credits; current legislation does not cover demand charges which City of Portland is subject to. Monetary credit could then be applied to the demand charges. *Committee Recommendation - lobbyist and staff to monitor for Bill Titles*
- Proposal for legislation that would expand number of participants in a net metered community solar projects; current number of participants is 9. *Committee Recommendation - lobbyist and staff to monitor for Bill Titles*
- Proposal for legislation that would allow municipalities to adopt a stretch energy code to improve performance of new building construction. *Committee Recommendation - lobbyist and staff to monitor for Bill Titles*

2. Review of Legislative Flow Chart

- Committee reviewed and made recommendations to proposed flow chart; also repeated the request for the Legislative Committee Process memo for next meeting.

IV. Adjournment

At 11:36 AM, Councilor Cook moved adjournment; Councilor Duson seconded the motion. 3-0 to adjourn.