



Legislative Committee June 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The June 22, 2020 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 9:00 AM on Zoom.

I. Attendance/Introductions

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor Jill Duson, Mayor Kate Snyder, City Manager Jon P. Jennings, Danielle West-Chuhta (Corporation Counsel), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Dena Libner (Assistant to the City Manager), Rep. Erik Jorgensen, Rep. Michael Brennan, Rep. Ed Crockett, Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Schur).

II. Signature Gathering: Update & Discussion

Danielle West-Chuhta and Kathy Jones presented a joint memo to Committee members regarding gathering signatures electronically and at the polls on July 14, 2020.

Councilor Ali asked Corporation Counsel to draft a recommendation to the Mayor that a special meeting of the Council be held August 31, 2020 in order to give petitioners more time to gather signatures.

III. Discussion with Portland Deletion to Augusta: Revenue Sharing

Rep. Jorgensen shared the Administration recently announced that they plan to use funds received from the federal government to backfill the unemployment trust fund, which was on track run out of funding by September. The theme of a recent Appropriations Committee Meeting was social services, including the production of meals to homeless individuals

and how organizations have changed their operations related to meal delivery in response to COVID-19.

Rep. Brennan shared that \$13M in CARES funding had been set aside by the State for municipalities to work on education, business interaction, and local operations related to COVID-19, and that municipalities were encouraged to apply for that grant funding.

IV. Adjournment

Councilor Duson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.