



**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021**

The April 6, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:02 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Nick Mavodones, Jon Jennings (City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur) and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 30, 2021, seconded by Mayor Snyder, no amendments, vote 3-0.

Kate Knox provided the committee with an update of upcoming hearings, printing of bills and legislative meetings related to the budget. The following courses of action were approved:

LD 1322 (*Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Allow Rental Housing Owners To Apply for Emergency Rental Relief Assistance*) - Councilor Mavodones expressed that generally he is in support of it and that is worth to keep an eye on it as it offers benefits to those in Portland. Councilor Ali said he agrees and as the time gets closer the Committee can support it.

LD 1333 (*An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers*) - Mayor Snyder said that we should have staff testify in support to this bill. Mr. Jennings agreed that Chief Gautreau would testify.

LD 1337 (*An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences*) - Mr. Jennings asked Kate to schedule a briefing with the bill sponsor, Councilor Ali agreed.

LD 1340 (*An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws*) - Mr. Jennings recommended that the Committee testify in opposition to the bill. Councilor Mavodones said that it is an important issue that the City of Portland has been dealing with for a long time and agreed testimony is needed. Councilor Ali said that the bill has a big impact not only on the current city citizens but anyone moving to Portland.

LD 1342 (*An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief*) - Mr. Jennings asked for Kate Knox to have a conversation with Representative Sylvester to obtain clarification about the bill.

The Committee discussed support of **LD 1115 (*An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications*)**, which seeks to improve access to HIV medication. They agreed that the Mayor should sign a letter of support recently provided by advocates of the bill.

Kate Knox followed up with the Committee about upcoming hearings and the Committee decisions.

LD 1195 (*An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue*) - Mr. Jennings recommended that written testimony highlighting the cost that Portland is experiencing due to the roll out of marijuana licensing and it justify why some of the resulting revenue should be allocated to municipalities.

LD 1171 (*An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants*) - Mr. Jennings suggested having Chief Clark to come to a future meeting and discuss what is specifically in the body of the memo and the impact it will have. Committee agreed to have Chief Clark participate in the meeting scheduled for April 20.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.