



Legislative Committee June 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The June 1, 2021 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

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

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, seconded by Mayor Snyder, no amendments, vote 3-0.

Kate Knox gave an update on the progress of the legislative session in Augusta. The only bill printed of potential interest to the City was a concept draft.

Councilor Mavodones asked if there was any knowledge about the GPA or revenue sharing numbers for Portland. City Manager Jon Jennings said that, on the City side, the proposal is to go to 4.5% in the current year and next year it would be up to 5%. It represents an increase on the City side of about \$2.2 - \$2.5 million.

Councilor Mavodones said it would be worth thinking forward about the appropriate body discussing how these numbers can be applied to tax relief.

Mayor Snyder said the additional funding for schools was expected to be \$6.2 million, and that as long as action is taken by mid-July action for tax relief could be built into both budgets. She asked Kate Knox if she had a sense of the timing of the supplemental budget; Kate estimated the end of the following week.

Mayor Snyder asked if the timing of the distribution of funds would be affected if the budget passed as a majority budget. Kate said it go into effect 90 days after the Legislature's adjournment if it passed as a majority budget, otherwise it would be immediately upon signature.

Councilor Ali suggested that the Committee Work Plan be reviewed at the next meeting.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 am.

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