

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Infurna, Boisselle, Seaboyer,
Forbes
Absent: McAteer-Margolis
Attending: Conn, Medeiros, Mortimer,
Tramontozzi, Wright

Protection and License called to order by Chairman Infurna at 7:32 p.m.

Alderman Forbes motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Philip Morgan, 11 Sargent Street, speaks to the petition by nationalgrid. He hopes the city will assess the condition of municipal signs and street signage and place trees along the streets.

Alderman Boisselle motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Order No. 11-62, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$400.00 From: General Fund Available
Free Cash To: A/C # 012412-530502 - Inspectional Services, Weights & Measures
Supplies

Chairman Infurna says there is a letter from Mr. Johnson dated December 8, 2010:

In advance of the meeting I would like to provide you with the following information.

I was recently contacted by the Assistant Town Manger of Wilmington regarding two sets of calibrated weights that were on loan to our previous Sealer of Weights and Measures. As I understand it, the State mandates that the two weight kits to be part of our standard equipment for this office and have been used as such. During my conversation with him, it was proposed that the City of Melrose purchase the equipment at a suggested price of \$400.00; after reviewing the cost of new equipment which is in the range of five to seven thousand dollars and speaking with Patrick Dello Russo it was decided to purchase the equipment.

Given the small amount of the transfer and the large savings to the city that I was able negotiate, I would ask that you accept this memo in my absence. If you feel my presence is required please contact me and I will attend.

Alderman Boisselle moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

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Protection and License Committee adjourns at 7:37 p.m.

Public Works Committee

Chairman Forbes, Infurna, Boisselle,
Seaboyer
Absent: McAteer-Margolis
Attending: Conn, Medeiros, Mortimer,
Tramontozzi, Wright

Public Works Committee called to order by Chairman Forbes at 7:38 p.m.

Order No. 11-55, Petition of National Grid for the installation of ~5' of 2-4" concrete-encased conduit from new Pole #306-1 into the property of 143 Franklin St., for upgrade in electrical service. Also, installation of new S.O. Pole #306-1 Albion Street to be located approximate 40 ft SE of existing Pole #306 Albion Street, Melrose, MA in accordance with plan marked National Grid, UG-WR#8281612 dated 10/12/2010.

Alderman Infurna motions to amend the order by striking "143 Franklin St." and inserting in place thereof "142 Franklin St.", 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Alderman Seaboyer says he visited the site yesterday to understand why nationalgrid wants to site the pole in this location. He distributes photographs which depicts the proposed site located in a crosswalk. He would like to see them reengineer the plan, perhaps placing the pole in front of the building. He motions to keep the order in committee.

Alderman Brodeur says the best way to have them reengineer the plans is to say no to this plan.

Alderman Seaboyer withdraws his motion.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to reject the plan as presented, 2nd by Alderman Infurna for discussion purposes.

Alderman Infurna says it's intriguing to see where they want to locate the pole. She asks the Ward Alderman if rejecting this plan would hold up the neighborhood's needs. Alderman Tramontozzi says he doesn't think rejecting this will detain the owners from doing work to the property. He says Alderman Seaboyer raises a good point; it's not an easy road to navigate.

Alderman Conn says the location is not what anyone wants.

Alderman Medeiros says this property is on the edge of Wards 1 and 2. It's a bit unreasonable to have a pole in the middle of a crosswalk. The building has been abandoned for some time – she'd like to see the new owners up and running soon. Her concerns are parliamentary. She doesn't want to reject this only to have to wait six months for nationalgrid to be able to file a new plan.

Alderman Seaboyer says the cost of underground conduit is much higher than running them overhead but nationalgrid is requiring the owners of the building to run 200-300 feet of pipe and cable underground to the transfer vault at the back of the property; nationalgrid should be able to swallow 40 feet. If the order is held in committee they'll wait until the last minute and say the customer's ready to go and the City is holding them

up.

Chairman Forbes says this is a difficult economy, people want to work, and a 6-8 month wait could cost a lot of money. Placing the pole would cause moving the crosswalk 5-8 feet from the driveway. He thinks DPW should be contacted to see if they could move the crosswalk.

Alderman Infurna withdraws the second to reject the plan as presented.

Alderman Seaboyer withdraws the motion to reject the plan as presented.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to place the order on hold, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Alderman Infurna motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Public Works adjourns at 7:58 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees