

**MINUTES
GENERAL COUNSEL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2021**

Present: Chairwoman and Councilwoman Carta, Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilman Nocera, Councilwoman Salafia and Councilman Ford. Staff: Deputy General Counsel Kori Wisneski

Public: Chris Holden, David Coleman, Anna Salo-Markowski, Krishna Winston, Joe Samolis, Debbie Shapiro, Alain Murktnick

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Anna Salo-Markowski – Anna read a statement on behalf of herself and Jennifer Kleindienst, who heads the Clean Energy Task Force. Councilman Nocera asked if the commission could have a copy of the statement and Anna agreed.

Debbie Shapiro – Debbie is the Municipal Historian for the City. She spoke in support of the Historical Structure Rehabilitation Tax Abatement ordinance.

Krishna Winston – Krishna spoke in support of the Historical Structure Rehabilitation Tax Abatement and the Building Committee ordinance. She agreed with everything that Debbie Shapiro had to say.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Nocera made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 regular meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ford. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Ordinance – Historical Structure Rehabilitation Tax Abatement (272-17)

Joe Samolis introduced the ordinance. He explained that there was unanimous support for this ordinance from the Economic Development Committee. The ordinance provides an incentive to preserve our history. Councilman Nocera and Councilwoman Blackwell expressed their support for the ordinance. More discussion ensued regarding the Design Review Preservation Board and the state's rehabilitation standards. Councilman Nocera and Ford asked to be added as a sponsor. Councilwoman Blackwell suggested that the entire commission be added as a sponsor.

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Councilwoman Salafia made a MOTION to amend the ordinance with the historical property definition change. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. The Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Blackwell made a MOTION to approve the ordinance with the changes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ford. The Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance – Bulky waste, construction waste, and oversized municipal solid waste tipping fee schedule (235-15)

Chris Holden introduced the ordinance. He explained that this ordinance pertains to a new fee for the pick-up of mattresses and box springs. Discussion ensued about the fees to dispose of these items.

Councilman Nocera made a MOTION to approve the ordinance. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. The Motion passed unanimously.

C. Building Committees (Article 14)

Attorney Wisneski introduced the ordinance. After this ordinance went to this commission a few months ago and hearing the suggestions, Councilman Vinnie Loffredo and Brig Smith changed the ordinance. A long discussion ensued about possible revisions to the ordinance. The revisions included mentioning of the feasibility study and review and combining paragraph A – C into one paragraph where it explains that staff would provide the information.

Councilman Nocera made a MOTION to table this ordinance to the next GCC meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

MOTION to Adjourn by Councilwoman Blackwell. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ford. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.