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LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2018 MEETING.

Meeting was held in Council Chambers and was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Committee members present included Figy, Onyski, and Morganelli.

Also in attendance were Councilor Harris, Babinski, Surprise, Emmershay, and Burns. Attorneys Reed and Bristol was also present.

No one was recording the meeting and no one spoke at public Participation. A motion was made o close public Participation and passed 3-0.

There was some confusion as to the minutes from the 4-12-18 committee meeting so this item was held in committee and passed with a 3-0 vote.

On a motion to increase the local option for tax deferments in accordance with MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Paragraph 41A(2), in order to phase in a higher qualifying gross income for eligible residents 65 and older from \$20,000 to a more realistic level. Discussion followed and the committee recommended raising the qualifying level to \$30,000 and to decreasing the interest charge to 6%.

FIGY YES ONYSKI YES MORGANELLY YES

On a motion from Councilor Morganelli, on behalf of the Public Health and Safety Committee, to amend the city ordinance concerning open burning Chapter 7, fire prevention and protection, Article 1, Section 7-1 (fire pits). Attorneys Reed and Bristol from the city law department were on hand as was Councilor Allie to explain this motion. The Mass DEP requires a public hearing be held by the council before passage. If the Council passes this ordinance change then the DEP must also approve it. A motion was made to recommend a public hearing be head by the full council. This motion passed 3_0 in favor.

FIGY YES ONYSKI YES MORGANELLI YES

A resolution approving an intermunicipal agreement implementing a carbon credit consulting services agreement between the City of Westfield, the Town of West Springfield, and the City of Holyoke. This is a program where the three municipalities by joining forces have enough carbon credits to sell them using a brokerage firm. This will result is a financial payment to the city. This is a 10 year agreement. A motion was made t approve this item and passed by a 3-0 vote.

FIGY YES ONYSKI YES MORGANELLI YES

A resolution approving an intermunicipal agreement between the City of Westfield and the Town of Southwick allowing the Electrical Inspector for the City of Westfield to perform inspections for the Town of Southwick. This item was not approved by Southwick so our approval would be premature. A motion to keep in committee was made and passé 3-0 to keep in committee.

FIGY YES ONYSKI YES MORGANELLI YES.

A motion to adjourn was made and passé 3-0 at 6:30pm. Respectfully Submitted Ralph Figy, Chair

Approved
6-7-18