



Legislative and Nominating Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2018

City Hall, Room 209

I. Call to order

Chair Ali called to order the Legislative Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m. The following persons were present: Councilor and Committee Chair Pious Ali, Councilor and Committee Member Kim Cook, Councilor and Committee Member Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, and Danielle West-Chuhta (City Corporation Counsel).

- a) Live streaming of the meeting was on. Corporation Council will provide Committee members with the Resolve supporting live streaming and the City Council Rules of Procedure.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Committee members had reviewed last meeting's minutes in preparation for this meeting. Councilor Cook moved approval of the minutes and Councilor Duson seconded. Councilor Cook requested that the minutes be amended to remove the first sentence in #1 and to add to the language in IV., Item b, re: LD 1869 (school funding) that Chair Ali called for a vote on whether or not the City should "obtain impact data regarding this bill." Councilors Ali, Cook and Duson voted unanimously to accept the requested amendments and approve the minutes as amended.

III. New bills and current legislation of concern

- a) LD 1884 re: Community Protection Order to Prevent High-risk Individuals from Possessing Firearms. Mayor Strimling asked about the hearing on April 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Did Portland Police Chief Michael Sauschuck plan to attend, in order to answer questions? The Mayor offered to attend. A Workshop on the bill is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Staff will follow up with the Chief.
- b) Going forward, Councilor Cook indicated that the Second Regular Session will be in session Monday through Friday, and that currently the set date to adjourn is April 18, 2018, but the session may go later than that date.
- c) LD 1873 re: Align State-funded Benefits with Federal Eligibility Standards. The Committee is concerned about this bill and requests that staff review it and prepare/draft testimony to address the bill. Staff may be able to use prior testimony. Corporation Counsel was asked to follow up with Julie Sullivan and other staff regarding this matter. The hearing may not ultimately happen, but the City should be prepared in advance of any hearing.

- d) Councilor Duson asked if lobbyist Kate Knox would advise on whether or not the Committee and the City should be involved or weigh in on:
 - (i) LD 1897 re Reinstating Funds for Indigent Legal Services, Rep. Moonen – Committee believes it does not need to weigh in on this Bill now;
 - (ii) LD 1867 re Reestablish Certain Positions in DHHS, referred to Appropriations Committee
 - (iii) LD 1893 Use of Federal Immigration Verification System, Rep. Lockman, E-verify Bill – Committee will let Maine Municipal Association handle this bill.
 - (iii) LD 1889 Amend Definition of Serious Harm, referred to Judiciary Committee.

If involvement recommended, a phone poll of the Committee members is requested.

- e) Rachel Talbot-Ross's bill parallels another fentanyl bill, LD 1783, which had a divided report out of committee. The Committee bill will be printed soon. Chief Sauschuck would be okay with this "LEAD Program" funding bill.

IV. New business

- a) Add to next meeting agenda in New Business a review of the Nominations issue involving Harbor Commission nominations term limits; and be sure to list/name the committee by its full name on the agenda.

V. Adjournment

At 10:50 a.m., Councilor Cook moved and Councilor Duson seconded a motion to adjourn, and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 209.