

April 4, 2016
6:30PM

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Councilor Sullivan with Councilors Barnes, Farwell, and Rodrigues present and Councilor Monahan.

The Committee first considered the following:

1. Petition of Steven P. Tortora for an awning permit located at Court House Café, 74 West Elm St., Brockton.

Steven P. Tortora appeared and spoke on the Petition.

Councilor Rodrigues made a motion to recommend the matter favorably. Councilor Farwell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

2. Resolved: That the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the Chief Financial Officer, and the City Engineer appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss the issue of unaccepted roadways on which residents live, the limitations (if any) imposed upon the city for the maintenance and repair of these roadways, and the potential costs associated with preparing “private ways” for formal acceptance as public ways.

The Superintendent of Engineering, the DPW Commissioner, and the City Solicitor appeared and spoke on the Petition. The Superintendent of Engineering provided documentation relative to public/private ways, acceptance process, and potential liabilities. Potential costs and legal exposure relative to working on private ways and accepting public ways was a major concern.

Councilor Farwell moved to postpone the matter until a committee meeting in May. Councilor Rodrigues seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

