



# City Council

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## MINUTES – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE September 4, 2019

The Standing Committee on Ordinances and Rules was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Councilor Farwell with Councilors Monahan, Farwell, Derenoncourt and Councilor Cruise present.

Councilor Farwell read the agenda into the record.

The Committee first considered the following:

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the August 21, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion to ACCEPT Minutes and Report of the August 21, 2019 Ordinance Committee Meeting by Councilor Cruise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Next the Committee considered the following:

2. Order: That sections twenty-six B to twenty-six E, inclusive of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. c. 111 §§26B-26E) be and hereby is accepted by the City of Brockton in accordance with section twenty-six A of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. c. 111 §26A).

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(re not an item for ordinance to consider)

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt  
(re procedure for adoption of the state law)

Comments by Councilor Cruise  
(re same)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(re sending it back to full city council and what they can do from there)

Comments by Councilor Cruise  
(re wants to send it to full city council, not coming back as a second reading)

Motion to recommend Unfavorably by Councilor Cruise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan, retracted by Councilor Cruises and Councilor Monahan.

Motion to recommend REFERRAL back to Full City Council with no action by the Ordinance Committee, by Councilor Cruise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried 3-1, Councilor Derenoncourt voting in opposition.

Next the Committee considered the following:

3. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton Sec. 2-28. Compensation, is hereby amended.

Comments by Councilor Cruise  
(re ramifications re Brockton City Ordinance)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(these issues should have been caught when the order was first introduced, late notice to the ordinance committee, ordinance committee wants to do this on a timely manner, not happy to have called an ordinance committee with this section coming up, need to know ahead of time)

Comments by City Clerk  
(maybe we should slow down and analysis a bit more, and a sponsor should do more research than they do, then any questions go to legislative counsel or to the law department/clerk, 11 different councilors sending in material)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(speed determined by the Council, this was done 2-3 years ago for a whole group of personnel, would support an increase to the clerk's office)

Comments by Councilor Cruise  
(re sending to legal counsel first, did this with Mark Gildea, had a wage committee back many years ago, under the impression it was an advisory board)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(this should be a red-flag, shouldn't overwhelm the clerk, pick up the phone and ask not to put it on the agenda)

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt

(wants to slow down, not in a rush to finalize anything yet, get information that we need)

Comments by City Clerk

(clerk's office works until the last minute on issues for the council, give thanks for finding it, found within the last four hours, and wanted to make sure it was there, finger pointing not necessary)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(looking to give notice to our council ahead of time)

Motion to report POSTPONED until the next Ordinance Committee Meeting and request for opinion by legal opinion, by Motion of Councilor Cruise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Cruise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Monahan, all at 6:44pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.