REPORT – EQUITY, DIVERSITY and INCLUSION COMMITTEE April 26, 2023

The Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to which was referred the following reports as follows:

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having considered the same, report FAVORABLE AS AMENDED by Motion of Councilor Asack, 2nd by Councilor Tavares.

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The Standing Committee on Ordinances and Rules was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Councilor Rodrigues, Asack, and Tavares present.

Agenda read into the record.

The Committee first considered the following:

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Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(committee meets when items come before the council and the item gets referred to this committee)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(name change recommended by Ordinance Committee, Human Rights, city can do better, concerned that current committee did not meet, could have met by Zoom during Covid, a number of communities have changed to a Human Rights commission, looking to see the City to do this, looking for favorable recommendation, comments re City of Lynn re their Human Rights Commission, local level can deliver, program, services, information at a much more personal and comprehensive way, empowers through knowledge, referred to this committee by Ordinance and Council)

Comments by Councilor Asack

(name change was important, mayor to designate chair person, other commissions the chairperson are voted upon)

Comments by Councilor Farwell (mayor designates chair of license commission, network and meetings)

Comments by Councilor Tavares (communication needs, believer in Human Rights, in favor and supports this)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(agrees, blank canvas, bring forward issues as they see fit, and conduct other business that they see fit)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(agrees, should ask Mayor for an appropriation, hopes some current members are important)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(something in the budget for existing committee)

Motion to Amend by Councilor Asack "to perform other duties as they arise from time to time" under the Duties and Responsibilities section, 2nd by Councilor Tavares. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Recommend Favorably as Amended by Councilor Asack, 2nd by Councilor Tavares. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Asack, 2nd by Councilor Tavares. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.