

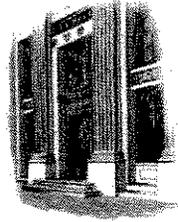


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The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers with City Council President Kevin F. Coughlin presiding. Present were Councilors Gutro, Keenan, Laforest, McFarland, McNamee, Palmucci and Raymondi. Not Present: Councilor Finn.

Councilor Gutro asked that everyone keep in their thoughts former Council member Leo Kelly, who has been hospitalized.

President Coughlin opened the meeting in recognition of the men and women serving in the military both at home and abroad.

President Coughlin presented a commendation to Lynn Margherio, CEO of Cradles to Crayons.

Appropriation of \$100,000 to Reserve for Appropriation, Tourism. Same to be transferred from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilor Keenan moved passage of the order as presented. On the motion made by Councilor Keenan, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Joe Shea and Architect James Edwards gave a presentation regarding the historical and structural survey done on the Old City Hall. Shea indicated this survey was phase 1 of this project. They are pursuing Community Preservation Act funding to create plans, however, he cautioned that they should not incur the expense of phase 2 if they are not going to achieve phase 3, which would be completion of the renovation.

Councilor McNamee introduced a resolution: Whereas the City Council recognizes the historic significance of Quincy City Hall, and whereas the Council recognizes the geographic significance of a City Hall as an essential focal point in the plans to renovate the downtown, and whereas the City Council acknowledges the deteriorating condition of Quincy City Hall, the City Council recognizes further study is required to more perfectly understand the extensiveness of repairs and renovations required to continue the necessary public mission of this very important building, therefore be it resolved that the City Council request the Mayor dedicate on city planner part-time to ascertain what federal and state grants are available and can be applied for to renovate historic Quincy City Hall. He moved passage of this resolution. On the motion made by Councilor McNamee, seconded by Councilor Laforest with a recommendation it ought to pass, the motion passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Councilor Palmucci expressed concern with a proposed wind turbine to be installed by the town of Milton on the West Quincy border. He introduced a resolution: Whereas the City of Quincy entered into an agreement for the conservation and protection of the sanitary landfill in West Quincy and Milton, and whereas the sanitary landfill has been transformed into 450 acres of open space and recreational area for the citizens of Quincy and Milton, and whereas the transformation into open space and recreational area has benefited the citizens of Quincy and Milton financially and environmentally, and whereas the transformation of the sites open space and recreation resulted in the creation of an acclaimed golf course, Granite Links golf club at Quarry Hills, which benefits both Quincy and Milton, and whereas the City of Quincy, through various payments, has received well over \$3.2 million since 2002 from the golf course, and whereas the City of Quincy will continue to generate revenue from the ongoing successful operation of that same golf course, and whereas the town of Milton is proposing the installation of a 480 foot wind turbine, which is negatively impact the peace and tranquility of the recreational area and surrounding community, and whereas the wind turbine could negatively affect the playing of golf, the use of Blue Hills Reservations, and Quincy residents because of noise, vibration, shadow effect from the blades, and the flick effect of the sun, and whereas the size of the wind turbine, at approximately 480 feet, the size of a five story building hovering over the golf course and recreational area is not conducive the to normal operation of the golf course, and the use and enjoyment of the open and recreational space, and whereas because the tower itself could interfere with the landfill and damage the cap and gas systems, creating an environmental hazard, and whereas the City of Quincy's wind facility zoning ordinance, passed by this body, calls for a wind turbine to be set back a distance equal to 1.5 times the height of the turbine from adjacent properties, and whereas the proposed Milton wind turbine is setback less than 100 feet from the golf course property line, and whereas the tower, as currently planned, would not be in conformance with the City of Quincy's wind facility zoning ordinance, which would require a setback of approximately 720 feet, and whereas the diminished success of the golf club could detrimentally affect the financial consideration provided to the City of Quincy, and whereas the proposed wind turbine location may have a negative impact on residents of West Quincy's use and enjoyment of their private and public property, and whereas the proposed wind turbine location will have a negative effect on the use and enjoyment of the Blue Hills Reservation, and whereas the installation of a wind energy facility by the town of Milton to defray costs of municipal government up to \$7.2 million over 20 years is a laudable effort, and whereas the Quincy City Council is supportive of the installation of wind turbines facilities, as evidenced by the passage of guidelines for such projects, now therefore be it resolved that the Quincy City Council resolves that the town of Milton should reconsider the installation of a 480 foot wind turbine at the currently proposed location. He moved passage of the resolution and that a copy be sent to the town of Milton. On the motion made by Councilor Palmucci, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Communications:

Councilor Gutro requested a handicapped sign be installed at 65 Bigelow Street. This was forwarded to the Traffic Engineer for approval, and the Ordinance Committee and Advertising. All in favor.

Reports of Committees:

Ordinance:

#2011-030 – Installation of No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., school days, on the north side of Fenno Street from Rice Road to Curry Road. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro said this is being done on a trial basis for the remainder of the school year. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

#2011-037 – Deletion of handicapped parking sign across from 58 Holmes Street, at 53 Holmes Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McNamee with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

#2011-038 – Installation of handicapped parking sign at 51 Holmes Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McNamee with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Public Safety:

#2010-288 – Councilor Palmucci moved this matter be removed from committee for consideration. All in favor. This is an ordinance amending an existing municipal code. Councilor Gutro stated he would prefer this be left in committee and it be discussed at a committee meeting. Councilor Palmucci moved reference of this order back to the Public Safety and Ordinance committees. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Keenan with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

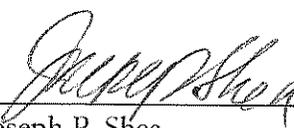
Environment & Public Health:

#2011-006 - Councilor Laforest stated the committee met earlier this evening regarding a resolution introduced by President Coughlin and Councilor Gutro regarding the property at Two Hancock Street. She stated they would like to schedule a follow-up meeting to try to achieve resolution of this matter.

Scheduling of Meetings:

A meeting of the Environment & Public Health Committee was scheduled for *Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.*

Recording ended here.



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