

**CODES AND ORDINANCES
COMMITTEE**
Of the Rochester City Council
Thursday, June 7, 2018
31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH
City Council Chambers
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Peter Lachapelle,
Chair Councilor Elaine
Lauterborn, Vice Chair
Councilor Tom Abbott
Councilor Donna
Bogan Councilor
Robert Gates

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Councilor Lachapelle called the Codes and Ordinances Committee to order at 6:00 pm. Susan Morris, City Clerk Typist, took a silent roll call. All Committee members were present except for Councilor Abbott who was excused. Also present were Deputy Fire Chief Tim Wilder, Andrea Mitrush, Legal Department, and Kyle Pimental from Strafford County Regional Planning Commission.

2. Public Input

No one addressed the Committee.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes: May 3, 2018

Councilor Bogan **MOVED** to **ACCEPT** the minutes of the May 3, 2018 Codes and Ordinances Committee meeting. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

4. Remote Participation During Council and Board Meeting(s)

Discussion was held in Committee on recording and the security of using remote participation in a non-public meeting.

Councilor Gates **MOVED** to send the proposed ordinance **Remote Participation During Council and Board Meeting(s)** to the Legal Department to review and to forward the final version to full Council. Councilor Lauterborn seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote. (See Addendum A)

5. Amendment to Chapter 22 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester Regarding Fire Department Organization

The Codes & Ordinances Committee briefly discussed the matter.

Councilor Bogan **MOVED** to send Amendment to **CHAPTER 22 and CHAPTER 23** to full Council for approval. Councilor Lauterborn seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote. (See Addendum B)

Deputy Chief Wilder stated that they will be looking into the fee schedule is lower than surrounding towns and **23.6 Administration and Enforcement** shall be reviewed soon.

6. Amendment to Chapter 23 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester Regarding Fire Safety Measures

Please see agenda item 5 above for MOTION to send both Chapter 22 & 23 to Council. (See Addendum C)

7. Discussion: Chapter 146 Disorderly Residence (*City of Franklin*)

The Codes and Ordinances Committee briefly discussed the matter. Councilor Lachapelle is seeking input from Police Chief Toussaint on this issue for the next meeting.

Councilor Lachapelle will keep this in committee and have Legal and the Police Chief come back for discussion on the matter at the next Codes & Ordinances Committee meeting on August 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Please see attached for the ordinance from City of Franklin (Informational only).
(See Addendum D)

8. Other

17.31 Regulation of Water Usage During an Emergency

Michael Bezanson, Public Works, and City Attorney O'Rourke made further corrections to this ordinance.

Councilor Gates **MOVED** to send **17.31 Regulation of Water Usage During an Emergency** to full City Council with the changes made by Public Works. Councilor Bogan seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Lachapelle requested that all changes are shown.
(See Addendum E – attachment)

Robert Skinner, resident of Rochester, Lyft Driver for Ride Share, approached the committee with a situation. He was recently stopped by the Rochester Police Department. He was told he could not operate as a “Lyft Driver” in Rochester until he obtained a Taxi License through the City at the Department of Building Zoning and Licensing. Typically, “Lyft Drivers” are not required to obtain a Taxi License. He briefed the Committee about the insurance requirements as a Taxi License vs a “Lyft” Driver, which he is fully insured. Discussion was had by Committee as to whether or not the current Taxi Licensing ordinance addresses the newer technology.

Councilor Lachapelle stated he would keep this in Committee. In addition Legal should look at the State Laws. He also stated that we would reach out to the Rochester Police Department and Building Zoning and Licensing. This will be placed on the next agenda for August 2, 2018.

9. Adjournment

Councilor Bogan **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:42 pm. Councilor Gates seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Morris
Clerk Typist II