

The Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6pm.

The meeting was audio and video taped for the record.

Members present were Alderman Millie Cardello, presiding, Councilors Adam Ragucci, Kenneth Gianelli and Lorrie Bruno. Non members present were Councilors Peter Napolitano and Rosemary Miller.

Members absent were Aldermen Michael Mangan, Sal Sachetta. Councilors John McKinnon and William Cardello.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Napolitano: That the Owner or a Representative of Wood waste appear at the Public Safety Committee to explain source of the smells emanating from the site on Boston Street throughout the summer, as well as, provide a detailed update on the status of building an enclosed facility.

Health Director Heidi Porter, and representative of Woodwaste Attorney Anthony Rossi were also present.

Communication from City Solicitor Colleen Mejia that she would be unable to attend due an unexpected emergency.

Attorney Rossi provided the Committee with an update on the Permitting process, Interim Operations and Time tables for completion of the project. He noted that Mayor DeMaria sent a letter to MEPA supporting the Notice of Project Change to expedite the construction of the new facility. He informed the Committee that the MEPA comment period on the notice ends on April 12, 2011 and that he expected MEPA to issue their findings on or about April 26, 2011. He stated that once Woodwaste receives approval from MEPA it can proceed with DEP permitting so that construction can be completed well prior to the November 13, 2012 agreement date with the Attorney General. Councilor Napolitano questioned how long the new structure would take to construct. Attorney Rossi responded that it would take 5 to 7 months to build and that once that occurred the temporary structure would be knocked down. Councilor Napolitano questioned the ventilation of the structure. Attorney Rossi explained that no grinding took place anymore on site and that the product comes in and goes right back out on the same day. Councilor Napolitano asked Ms. Porter if her Department had received any complaints on odors since the last meeting on the subject matter. Ms. Porter explained that they had only received one complaint and that Woodwaste was quick to respond. She noted that a third party was now conducting inspections of the site on a regular basis.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Common Council with a recommendation that matter be granted further time for 90 days until the month of June so that the Committee could obtain further updates on the progress of the agreement with a request that all attendees be invited to that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6pm.

The meeting was audio and video taped for the record.

Members present were Alderman Millie Cardello, presiding, Councilors Adam Ragucci, Kenneth Gianelli and Lorrie Bruno. Non members present were Councilors Peter Napolitano and Rosemary Miller.

Members absent were Aldermen Michael Mangan, Sal Sachetta. Councilors John McKinnon and William Cardello.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Rosemary Miller: That the City discontinue the portion of the street known as "Blake Terrace" and merge it into Gladstone Terrace to prevent confusion as the two are currently one continuous street; in the interest of public safety.

Mayors Chief of Staff Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, City Engineer Julius Ofurie and Fire Chief David Bulter were also present.

Councilor Miller began the meeting by explaining that the Blake Terrace location was very confusing and suggested that it be merged into Gladstone Terrace. She noted that there was currently only one home on Blake Terrace that was vacant with the Homeowner having no objection to changing the street designation. Ms. Murphy explained that they had just learned that there is a new Owner of the home in question. Mr. Ofurie explained the process and requirements in changing a street name designation which included advertisements, public hearings, surveyors and a two thirds vote of the City Council. Councilor Miller also mentioned some confusing signage around the area of Coburn Terrace and Gladstone Terrace. Ms. Murphy agreed to look into correcting the signage. Councilor Miller agreed to work with Ms. Murphy and Mr. Ofurie in starting the appropriate action to change the Blake Terrace street designation.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Common Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6pm.

The meeting was audio and video taped for the record.

Members present were Alderman Millie Cardello, presiding, Councilors Adam Ragucci, Kenneth Gianelli and Lorrie Bruno. Non members present were Councilors Peter Napolitano and Rosemary Miller.

Members absent were Aldermen Michael Mangan, Sal Sachetta. Councilors John McKinnon and William Cardello.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Adam Ragucci: To invite the Director of City Services to update what has been spent to date over the recent storms specifically on the line items of salt and outside contractors in regard to the city budget.

Mayors Chief of Staff Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues and Director of City Services Brian Zaniboni were also present.

Councilor Ragucci began the meeting by stating he believed there were a number of public safety issues regarding outside contractors and wanted to know what instructions were provided to them. Mr. Zaniboni explained that they hired three Contractors with bigger trucks to plow the main drags and that the instructions to all was to push the snow to the even side and do the best they can curb to curb. Councilor Ragucci acknowledged that bus stops were the MBTA's responsibility but asked if there was anything the City could do to clear these areas. Mr. Zaniboni responded that the streets were already plowed by the City and he asked if Councilor Ragucci was asking him to shovel out the sidewalks where MBTA bus stops were located throughout the City. Councilor Ragucci confirmed that was what he was looking to have done so people waiting for buses weren't standing out on street waiting for the bus. Mr. Zaniboni stated that he would try to do with a sidewalk plow but explained that this would be something on the bottom of the list since his Department could only do what they can do since his obligation was to clear the streets, then handicap ramps and then areas around the schools. Councilor Ragucci asked if certain streets were targeted first. Mr. Zaniboni responded that the City was broken into 19 routes and that the main focus was around the hospital and for those streets that sloped down onto a main street. He explained that they have a system and can't respond to every call about street plowing without causing chaos. Councilor Ragucci mentioned an incident that occurred at the intersection of Central Avenue and Ferry Street which had iced up and vehicles and people were sliding in which he noted that it took City Services 12 minutes to send a truck to address the problem. Mr. Zaniboni explained that this was not a snow plowing issue but a need for salting in which the City only had a few trucks that did that. Ms. Murphy remarked that a 12 minute response was not bad at all based on the weather conditions at that time. Mr. Zaniboni told the Committee that his Department responds to every call and that they do the best they can. He admitted that mistakes do happen but reminded the Committee that his was an abnormal winter season. Councilor Miller applauded City Services for their work but expressed concern that the plows were pushing snow on the corners and that under the proposed sidewalk snow removal ordinance the abutting property owners would be fined. Mr. Zaniboni reminded everyone again that this was not a normal winter and explained that his first priority was to open streets and then they would go back and take a look at addressing issues such as this. Councilor Miller also complained about the conditions on Gledhill Avenue with the high school students walking in the streets. Ms. Murphy agreed to look into this issue. Councilor Napolitano expressed concern that the plow operators were working 24 to 36 hours shifts which could result in fatigue while operating heavy equipment resulting in these operators potentially running someone over or driving into a house. Mr. Zaniboni assured him that the

operators were provided with rest breaks. Councilor Giannelli asked if there were any inspections done after a storm particularly if complaints had been received against private contractors hired by the City. Mr. Zaniboni explained that he and Peter Pietrantonio split the City and conduct inspections on

Public Safety – 3/1/11 - #3
page 2

the job done. He noted that most of the issues were with residents snow blowing the snow back onto the street or private contractors that were not working for the City plowing snow back onto the public way. Councilor Ragucci suggested that the City have each of its private contractors display a magnetic City sign so the residents would know which were City assigned vehicles. Ms. Murphy agreed to look into. Alderman Cardello asked what the cost of sidewalk plow was. Mr. Zaniboni stated that one could cost about \$130,000 but noted that it wouldn't be able to get down some sidewalks in the City. Alderman Cardello asked if the use of salt caused the potholes throughout the City. Mr. Zaniboni responded that this condition was caused due to water seeping into cracks and freezing.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Common Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6pm.

The meeting was audio and video taped for the record.

Members present were Alderman Millie Cardello, presiding, Councilors Adam Ragucci, Kenneth Gianelli and Lorrie Bruno. Non members present were Councilors Peter Napolitano and Rosemary Miller.

Members absent were Aldermen Michael Mangan, Sal Sachetta. Councilors John McKinnon and William Cardello.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Napolitano: That a Representative of Wood waste appear at the Public Safety Committee to provide an update to the residents of Everett on the building of a permanent structure on the current site of their operations.

Health Director Heidi Porter, and representative of Woodwaste Attorney Anthony Rossi were also present.

Communication from City Solicitor Colleen Mejia that she would be unable to attend due an unexpected emergency.

Attorney Rossi provided the Committee with an update on the Permitting process, Interim Operations and Time tables for completion of the project. He noted that Mayor DeMaria sent a letter to MEPA supporting the Notice of Project Change to expedite the construction of the new facility. He informed the Committee that the MEPA comment period on the notice ends on April 12, 2011 and that he expected MEPA to issue their findings on or about April 26, 2011. He stated that once Woodwaste receives approval from MEPA it can proceed with DEP permitting so that construction can be completed well prior to the November 13, 2012 agreement date with the Attorney General. Councilor Napolitano questioned how long the new structure would take to construct. Attorney Rossi responded that it would take 5 to 7 months to build and that once that occurred the temporary structure would be knocked down. Councilor Napolitano questioned the ventilation of the structure. Attorney Rossi explained that no grinding took place anymore on site and that the product comes in and goes right back out on the same day. Councilor Napolitano asked Ms. Porter if her Department had received any complaints on odors since the last meeting on the subject matter. Ms. Porter explained that they had only received one complaint and that Woodwaste was quick to respond. She noted that a third party was now conducting inspections of the site on a regular basis.

The Committee voted: To report back to the Common Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees