



Committee on Ordinances

April 22, 2014 – 6:35 PM - **Minutes**

City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

****View Agenda****

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

DATE: APRIL 22, 2014

TIME: 6:35 P.M.

PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS STEVEN MARTINS, CHAIRMAN; JAMES OLIVEIRA, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; HENRY BOUSQUET; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; JOSEPH LOPES; KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS BRIAN GOMES; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO

* * *

Councillor Martins called the Ordinance Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. A Communication from Councillor Morad was read into the record stating she was unable to attend this meeting due to her chaperoning the Winslow Elementary School Children to the PawSox Game. This communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Lopes.

* * *

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the City to enter into a Net Metering Power Purchase Agreement with Future Generation Wind, LLC for the purpose of purchasing wind-generated electricity at 10.8 cents per kWh for the next twenty years (Ref'd 3/27/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Coelho. (1, 1a)

Councillor Lopes stated that he had a couple of concerns about this proposal. First, he is concerned that the pre-pay penalty is too excessive, and second, he is troubled by the fact that the facility has not even been built yet and the city is going to enter into an agreement without knowing how the abutters are going to respond to the plan or the facility.

Ron Labelle, DPI Commissioner replied that this is the single most exciting project he has ever worked on in his career with the city. He emphasized how important of a project this is for the city and its future.

Councillor Lopes asked what type of savings will the city see in its power rates. Commissioner Labelle stated that this deal would lock us into 10.8 cents per kWh, while most of the city's rates on its buildings right now are averaging at 15 cents per kWh.

Councillor Lopes then asked Matt Morrissey, Director of New Wind Energy Center, if the \$250,000 will be going to the Wind Energy Center. Mr. Morrissey stated that he does not believe that has been determined as of yet. Councillor Lopes asked Ari Sky, CFO, the same question, and Mr. Sky responded that it has not yet been determined.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, Authorizing the City to enter into a Net Metering Power Purchase Agreement with Future Generation Wind, LLC for the purpose of purchasing wind-generated electricity at 10.8 cents per kWh for the next twenty years. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Councillor Lopes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Oliveira.

This meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees