



Special Communications Committee – Board of Representatives

Bob Lion, Chair Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m. – **NOTE NEW TIME**
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Special Communications Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lion and Committee Member Reps. Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Michelson and Nabel.

Chair Lion called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitees (or designees)
1. C30.014	RESOLUTION; Expressing the Board's Request for the Establishment of a City-Wide Email Program to be Used in Citizen Outreach. 02/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Lion	

Committee discussed the following:

- Chair Lion explained the City is in the midst of contracting a firm for a total redesign of the City's website and Reps Lion and Morson are on the Steering Committee for this plan. They will offer input on the selection of vendor and will consider use of this resolution as support for the selection.
- Rep. Sherwood asked once this resolution is approved what happens next Chair Lion continued and said the next step is to come up with a set of rules and this should be part of the Board of Representatives rules different from City rules that may be set up
- Possible ordinance regarding the access of the email bank; Committee will get an opinion from the Law Departments; Specifically rules for elected officials use of the email bank
- The Committee to draft an ordinance and put it on the Legislative and Rules Committee
- Since the list will be City owned, the committee will invite the Administration to discuss the issue

- Chair Lion stated that he received a suggestion to strike the word “Small” in the second “Whereas” to not be antagonistic.

After a discussion, the committee made the following motions to amend:

- A motion was made to strike the first 2 whereas paragraphs, said motion was seconded and approved by 4-1-1 (Sherwood, Matherne, Zelinsky and Moore in favor; Morson opposed; Lion abstained)
 - ~~WHEREAS, Connecticut law requires public notices and ordinances to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford; and~~
 - ~~WHEREAS, the circulation of the sole local newspaper reaches only a small percentage of the residents of the City of Stamford; and~~
- A motion to amend the language in paragraph 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)
- A motion to amend the language in paragraph 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)
- A motion to amend the language in paragraph 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)
- A motion to amend the language in paragraph 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)
- A motion to amend the language in the final paragraph “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)
- A motion to approve the [resolution](#) as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Lion, Sherwood, Matherne, Moore, Morson, and Zelinsky in favor)

Chair Lion adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lion, Chair

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