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October 23, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on October 23, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen William Roche and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present was City Solicitor John Gannon.

Mr. Gannon addressed the committee about a Home Rule Petition relative to jurisdiction over certain roadways in the city and also about the matter of renaming the High School concourse.

On the matter of an ordinance submitted by ten registered voters relative to the procedures for revoking a special permit, the committee first voted to place the item on file, then, after a motion to reconsider was approved, the committee voted to refer the item to the Committee on Land Use and to the Planning Board, so that a public hearing might be scheduled and to the City Solicitor for further review.

On the matter of an ordinance submitted by ten registered voters to prevent issuance of a Building Permit when taxes are overdue or a lien on a property has not been disclosed, the committee voted to refer the item to the Committee on Land Use and to the Planning Board, so that a public hearing might be scheduled and to the City Solicitor for further review.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 4 items:

183610: Communication - City Solicitor responding to #183307 re: a draft of a Home Rule Petition providing the City with jurisdiction over State and DCR public ways that traverse the City.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (see attached)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

183732: Communication - Veteran's Services Director and Chairman of the Dedication Commission responding to #183585 re: renaming the High School Concourse.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (see attached)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

184229: Ordinance - Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to provide a procedure for a Special Permit to be revoked.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be referred to the Committee on Land Use, the Planning Board and the City Solicitor.

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

184230: Ordinance - Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to prevent issuance of a Building Permit when taxes are overdue or a lien on a property has not been disclosed

RECOMMENDATION: Should be referred to the Committee on Land Use, the Planning Board and the City Solicitor.

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman
Committee on Legislative Matters

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