

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors John Hanlon, Peter Napolitano, Michael McLaughlin and Richard Dell Isola, as ex-officio.

The meeting was audio-taped for the record.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephen Simonelli: That his Honor the Mayor, or someone from his office appear at this meeting to explain why the City took away 19 public parking spots in the Everett Square parking lot behind the Post Office for city owned vehicles.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Mayor's Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell and Councilor Stephen Simonelli, the Sponsor were also present.

Mr. O'Donnell and Mayor DeMaria informed the Committee that after further discussion on the matter from the last Committee meeting and that since City Hall was the headquarters for the ISD employees that the decision will now be to allow the ISD employees take their vehicles home rather than taking up spaces in the public parking lots. Mayor DeMaria remarked that he wasn't a big proponent of allowing employees to take vehicles home but felt this action was necessary to alleviate concerns about city vehicles taking up parking spaces in the public lots. Mr. O'Donnell stated that the parking signage for the City vehicles only in the public lot would be removed by the end of the week.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin: That the Operational Assessment Director appear at this meeting and provide a list of all employees that need specialized licenses or qualifications to work in their present positions at the Health & Wellness Center, and to make sure that all employees currently working there are certified to do so.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria was also present.

Councilor Mclaughlin provided the Administration with a list of 41 questions as required per the City Charter as it related to the operation of the Health and Wellness Center. (Copy of list attached to original report).

Mayor DeMaria read a prepared statement in which he questioned the motive of the Sponsor and stated that the Sponsor was overstepping his jurisdiction with regards to the separation of power between Legislative and Executive. (Copy of statement attached to original report)

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

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