

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2023

The Appointment Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Council George C. Tyros at 7:00 p.m. Appointment Committee Members Councilor's James Walsh and Judy Mack were present.

Also, present Mayor Michael Nicholson; City Solicitor John Flick; Appointee Robert Charland; and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

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I. Appointments:

#10905 – A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Robert Charland, Esq. to the position of Assistant City Solicitor, for term expiring January 1, 2024.

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that He has been an attorney specializing in real estate in the City for quite some time now. While not having direct experience in certain aspects of municipal law, he has been a licensed attorney in the Commonwealth since 1995 and has been a partner at Flick Law Group for the last year. With all of the latest real estate activity the City has been undertaking, It would be beneficial for the City to have someone with that knowledge and expertise helping the City.

City Solicitor John Flick spoke in favor of the appointment. He has two Assistant City Solicitors since Attorney Romer retired. It is a difficult position to attract people. Mr. Charland has local roots and convinces that this appointment will be a good match.

Councillor James Walsh spoke in favor of the appointment. He mentioned that when he was on the City Council in 1981, his father was the Council President, and he is aware of the family history and services to the City.

Councillor Judy Mack also spoke in favor of the appointment and echoes Councillor Walsh's comments. Councillor Mack has worked with Attorney Charland in the past regarding real estate transactions.

Councilor George Tyros mentioned it is good to have a member of the community and is a great asset and thinks that his expertise will serve the city well.

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On a motion made by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to confirm *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Robert Charland, Esq. to the position of Assistant City Solicitor, for term expiring January 1, 2024.*

On a motion made by Councilor Walsh and seconded by Councilor Mack, it was voted viva voce to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.