

**CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2019**

Committee Chairman Councillor James Johnson called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall. Committee member Councillor Karen Hardern was also present. Councillor Edward Gravel was absent.

Other Officials present and/or participating were Council President Scott Graves; Councillor Christine Johnson; Chief of Police Richard Braks; Building Commissioner Roland Jean; and, City Clerk Alan Agnelli.

I. Minutes of Prior Meeting(s).

On a motion by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to accept the Minutes of February 19, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting, as printed.

II. #10053, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 312 Thereof, Entitled "Animals," by Deleting and Repealing § 312-2F (In City Council and Referred to Public Safety, 2/4/2019).

Chairman Johnson reported that the Public Service Committee voted to recommend that only Pulaski Park be designated for dogs and suggested that the Public Safety Committee follow suit and recommend that same course of action.

On a motion by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to recommend that only Pulaski Park be designated for dogs and that the following Ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 312 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ANIMALS," BY DELETING AND REPEALING § 312-2F.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 312 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ANIMALS," TO CHANGE A PROVISION RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS OR KEEPERS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Gardner as follows:

Section 1. Subsection F of Section 312-2 of Chapter 312, Animals, of the Code of the City of Gardner, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

F. No animals shall be allowed in any City cemetery or playground, except in designated areas of Pulaski Park.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective on passage and publication as required by law.

III. #10069, An Application by Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for a License to Buy and Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles, Class 2, on Toby Street (In City Council and Referred to Public Safety, 3/4/2019).

Chief of Police Braks opened the discussion by saying that not more than one license, all classes, may be issued on the same property. He noted that once the new licensee takes possession, then the current license holder's license(s) must be revoked.

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Joshua Hall, 61 Hill Street, an abutter, informed the Committee that the Michael Rahaim, the current license holder, has been an amazing neighbor and keeps them informed when he will be performing noisy tasks. He is concerned that under a new license holder, trucks may be passing all hours of the day.

Debra Anctil, 61 Hill Street, an abutter, said that because the property is zoned R2, Joshua cannot operate a landscaping business from his home because of the restriction.

President Graves questioned whether the business is “grandfathered” and if any conditions were applied to the licenses, such as hours of operation.

The City Clerk indicated that he would research the history of the license holders to determine whether the business was operating prior to the implementation of zoning and whether any conditions were attached to the licenses.

The Committee postponed action until the next meeting.

#10070, An Application by Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for a License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, on Toby Street (In City Council, Referred to Public Safety, and Ordered to Public Hearing, 3/4/2019; Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, 3/18/2019 @ 7:30 p.m.).

The Committee postponed action until the next meeting.

IV. Other Business.

None

VI. Adjournment.

On a motion Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.