

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on On Government Services co-posted with the Committee of the Whole met in the Council Chamber on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

October 5, 2018 at 10:45 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE C. Peterson, Flynn, Dominguez Sargent.

ABSENT WERE: C. Furey, Showed up 6:09

Committee of whole members = Councillors Dibble, Gerard, McCarthy, C. Milo & Madone.

SUBJECT(S)

#594 - Meet to discuss a new PA System for The Council Chambers

Patrick Kennedy from SATV Explained the new system options for better reception. Paper work was included with prices and equipment specifications. The new system would send sound to SATV and also have tower AA amplifiers in the Council Chambers

City Clerk Irene Simons, explained where to locate tower amplifiers in the Council Chambers.

Councillor McCarthy spoke of the need for a better system

Councillor Dominguez spoke of the same. Councillor Peterson asked about options & cost. Councillor Flynn, spoke of 2 tower Amps located in opposite corners of the Chamber and maybe one in the hallway when needed.

Councillor Furey, said he couldn't hear well in the new City Hall Annex.

P. Kennedy said this new system could be used there.

C. Dominguez = Quality of sound has to have the proper acoustics  
Tremble, base ect.

C. McCarthy, spoke of portable Blue tooth speakers so that no wires are used.

City Clerk Irene Sniwas spoke of the cost and the funds in her budget that may cover this.

C. Peterson = Had they priced Blue tooth.

P. Kennedy said it would be under \$1,000.00

C. Dibble, concerned of a Delay or Echo in the new system

P. Kennedy explained he could fix that.

Sandy Power = Difficulty hearing at meetings. Very un democratic if not everyone can hear at the meetings

On the motion of C. Furey

the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Arthur C. Sargent

(Chairperson)

Teasie Riley Goggin = Delighted that this is happening now. Hearing is part of "Knowing your rights" at a meeting. She thought \$2,000.00 had been put aside for this.

Polly Wilbert. Thank-you, Very important A.C. Units make it hard to hear. Look at a screen to project documents to the audience.

Bill LeGault. Salem Commission on Disabilities Purchased listening assist devices some time ago. It should always be available. Offer to buy more receivers for the council chambers. Council chambers may need sound softening engineering work. Fuzzy. Echo what Polly said. Increase sound, visibility, ~~and~~ hook-up translators. It's worth the investment.

Councillor Dominguez made a motion

To have the City Clerk bring forward a proposal to purchase a new P.A. system for the City Council Chambers.

The matter carried with a 5-0 vote.

Arthur C. Sargent

