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Legal Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016

Committee members in attendance:

Michael O'Hara, Claudia DeStefano and Priscilla Moore.

Tiffany Garriga was absent.

1. A local law written by Alderman John Friedman was discussed which proposes to change a section of land Hudson Street lot from industrial to RSC. The committee supports this proposed law and will pass it on to the Hudson Planning Board (as directed by Mr. Dow) before being voted on by the entire council.
2. Vacant building tax was discussed. According to research done by Counsel Dow, there are several other municipalities in NY, which impose fees on commercial building owners for properties, which are completely unoccupied for extended periods of time. Chairman O'Hara volunteered to write up some additional recommendations for the next Legal Committee meeting.
3. Energize New York. The documents required for the City to move ahead with the membership in the Energy Improvement Corporation were presented to the members of the committee and discussed. The members agreed the measure would be good for the City to adopt, as it would provide a low cost financing alternative for commercial building owners who might otherwise not be able to improve their properties and reduce their energy expenses. The members agreed unanimously to pass the measure on to the entire council.
4. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) was discussed with a handout. It was agreed that the opportunity to provide lower cost and lower pollution power purchasing options to Hudson's citizens should be pursued, the members agreed to delay making a decision on how to proceed at this meeting. Chairman O'Hara will provide additional reading material on this topic to the group to study before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm