

Hudson Common Council Legal Committee
Minutes of Meeting - April 2017 at 6:15 PM at City Hall, Hudson.

Present: Michael O'Hara, Chair; Common Council President Claudia DeStefano;
Alderman Tiffany Garriga; Alderman Priscilla Moore; Legal Counsel Andrew Howard

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

We discussed the following items from the agenda:

1. Request from **Stewarts** Company to re-zone the area including the properties adjacent to their store at the corner of Green and Fairview streets. The management of Stewarts sent a document to the committee, outlining a suggestion that the City could develop an "overlay" zone on top of the existing zoning of the neighborhood which would recognize the mixed commercial nature of Green Street and allow the existing Stewarts shop to be expanded into the footprints a two unit house on the Green Street side and a four unit house on the Fairview Avenue side. Their document included examples of similar zoning arrangements from two other NY state communities. The committee members discussed the proposal and agreed on the following points: (1) the City avoid the practice of "spot zoning" by not adopting a change in zoning effecting only (what would become) a single property in the middle of another zone. (2) The City should begin a new comprehensive plan and review the zoning law in detail so as to align it with the City's current conditions and future plans. (3) The Legal Committee will not be taking any action on the Stewarts suggestions at this time. Chairman O'Hara will send a note to the Stewarts management regarding our decision. □
2. **Fund Balance** policy: Ms. Stefano invited Mr. O'Hara to attend the Finance committee meeting to speak about the proposed Fund Balance resolution and he agreed to attend. □ □
3. **Taxi services and the Uber system**: Ms. Garriga suggested we take up the anticipated arrival of the Uber taxi system to Hudson. Mr. O'Hara suggested the Hudson taxi operators collaborate on a similar computer application, which would provide similar service but retain the service revenue from such a system locally. Ms. DeStefano asked if the municipality has the authority to limit the use of the Uber system in their territory. The committee discussed the issue but came to no conclusion. Mr. Howard was asked to research the question. □ □

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

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