

**Legal Committee Meeting minutes - February 22, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15PM.

Present: Michael O'Hara, Priscilla Moore, Claudia Destephano, Tiffany Garriga, Atty. Andrew Howard.

**Item 1: Welcoming City Resolution**

The text of the "Welcoming City" resolution was discussed in detail with support from Michael Chameides of the Hudson Democratic Committee. Mr. O'Hara mentioned the text was composed with reference to the NYS Attorney General's office guidance and appeared to be in alignment with those guidelines.

Claudia DeStephano recommended the Hudson Police Department be brought up to speed with the proposed Resolution.

Tiffany Garriga asked if this resolution is this similar to the Mayor's Executive Order? M.O. replied this resolution is a expression of the Hudson Common Council regarding recommended policies to be followed in regard to the immigration status of persons coming in contact with the Hudson Police staff and the Mayor's order is a specific to the use of Hudson City resources by ICE agents and that they are complementary rather than duplicative or contradictory.

A.H. Ken Dow will receive a copy of this Resolution.

M.O. I will pass a copy of this resolution to Tracy for distribution at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Question from the audience: To what extent will criminal offences be addressed? Answered: Enforcement of local and state laws will proceed as usual by the HPD. While the resolution does not deal specifically with lists of which offences are covered under which body of law, the resolution provides rules to be followed by the officers under all situations only in the limits regarding questions on immigration status.

On a motion from Priscilla Moore and seconded by Claudia DeStephano, the resolution was approved by the Legal Committee unanimously.

**Item 2: Lodging Tax**

- A corrected version of the Lodging Tax was given to each Committee member for her review. As there was not sufficient time to go through the entire document at this meeting, a special meeting of the Committee was scheduled for March 2 at 5:30 PM.

**Item 3: Hudson City School District property conveyance.**

The resolution regarding the conveyance of City of Hudson property adjoining the Hudson City School District property was prepared and presented by Atty. Howard. The Committee discussed the document. On a motion from Tiffany Garriga seconded by Claudia DeStephano the resolution was supported unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Michael O'Hara