

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 29, 2022 – 5:30
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH – City Hall – 1 Junkins Avenue

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Councilor John Tabor, Councilor Beth Moreau, Councilor Josh Denton, Christopher M. White, and Jesse Lynch. Absent: Harry (Hawk) Furman

City management representative: Deputy City Manager Suzanne Woodland

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by City Attorney Susan Morrell. As explained by the City Attorney, as a newly constituted committee she was serving as temporary chair pending election of the Chair.

Roll Call – As noted above.

Election of Chair – Attorney Morrell explained that under the new ordinance, the chair must be a member of the City Council.

Councilor Moreau moved to elect Councilor Tabor as Chair. Seconded by Councilor Denton. Discussion disclosed that neither of the other Councilors was interested in serving in that capacity. On a roll call vote: Councilors Tabor, Councilor Moreau, Councilor Denton and Jesse Lynch YES. Chris White NO. Motion passed.

Attorney Morrell left the meeting and Councilor Tabor assumed the Chair.

Approval of Minutes - Chris White moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022, seconded by Councilor Tabor. Beth Moreau abstained. All others approved and motion passed.

Committee members did not have enough time to review the draft minutes from the October 21, 2022 meeting and they will be considered at a later meeting.

Purpose and Work Ahead – The committee members each briefly described how they viewed their work.

Public Comment – The following persons provided public comment: Petra Huda (financial reporting and public records request) Arthur Clough (independence of auditor) Esther Kennedy (input from citizen committee members).

Entering of Non-Public Session

A motion was made by Councilor Moreau and seconded by Councilor Denton at 6:05 p.m. to move into non-public session to consider proposals submitted as part of a confidential competitive selection process and which constitute confidential information pertaining to commercial or financial information as per RSA 91-A:5 and 91-A:3 II (c)(d)(l). All in favor, motion passed.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Moreau and seconded by Chris White to re-enter public session, seal the minutes and to adjourn. The motion was approved 5-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Suzanne Woodland, Deputy City Manager/Deputy City Attorney

Approved by: January 5, 2023