

## CHAIR SUMMARY.

GASC MEETING 2/3/2016, 5PM.

PRESENT: Members: Lapham, Campbell, Jackson. Gregg on Vacation.

Public: Mike Case, Mike Denker, Dana Hallett, Paul Nelson, Margaret Friedenauer.

Topic 1: Agenda Preparation Schedule Ord. 15-12-424.

ISSUE: Primarily clarifying who orders agenda topics, prepares packets, and whether the timeline should provide for 4 days or 5 days before assembly meetings. Current code prescribes 5 days, but practice has been to provide 4 days.

DISCUSSION: From the Assembly and public side, concerns about the number of days primarily focused on the fact that two of the days currently are weekends and questions cannot be answered from staff. The office is closed. Some Assembly questions may get answered, depending on the availability of the Manager on weekends, but not the publics. Depending on the agenda topic, some further research may be needed.

From the administration side, the practice of 4 days notice probably seems a compact process, starting on Monday and ending on Friday before the Assembly meeting. The current process to meet existing code starts on Friday when the agenda is finalized, and the packet is distributed on Thursday afternoon. This spans two weekends.

Moving the Assembly meeting date was mentioned, but the weekend still is present, unless meetings were on Friday. Whether some of this should be policy or code also was mentioned. No obvious solutions arose, so the topic was tabled till the next GASC meeting.

Topic 2: Repeal of Motor Vehicle Tax, Ord. 12-10-308

DISCUSSION: This was referred to GASC as a result of a motion to repeal by Mr. Campbell.

Motion to repeal was not seconded, so began discussing various aspects of program. Mr. Nelson discussed history where he was negotiating with Borough to provide this service. It broke down over some insurance issues and the borough came up with the current ord.

Acknowledged that program is just getting started and infrastructure is almost in place.

There seemed to be support for having the private sector doing this program if it could be worked out, but it wasn't clear how it would work in all cases.

Questions of how this related to a comprehensive solid waste program were raised and this led to a recommendation to the assembly to form an ad-hoc committee on solid waste to provide recommendations on this.

Also recommended to assembly that dates be on all documents in packet to minimize confusion.

Ron Jackson.

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