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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006

A Planning & Development Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers.

Committee Members: Chairperson Robert Scatamacchia, Councillor William Macek, Councillor William Ryan and Councillor John Curtin.
Department Heads Fire Chief Richard Borden, Robert Ward-Water/Wastewater Sup't., Jeff Dill - Maintenance Director, and Bernard Baker-Purchasing.
Also present: Representative Brian Dempsey, Jack Bevelacqua - Division of Energy Resources, Joe Mead - World Energy, Frank Gorke - MASSPIRG, Brad Bradshaw - Mass Hydrogen, Mike LaBonte, Jean Skanlet-Chandler, and Mark Chandler.

The following item was on the agenda for discussion:

1. Doc.#55-L- Communication from Councillor Ryan requesting a discussion regarding the establishment of a city ordinance to require every fueling station to provide an alternate source of fuel as approved by the Environmental Protection Agency by January 1, 2007. *All speakers provided a very inciteful and interesting presentation. Jack Bevelacqua suggested the City contact Keyspan for a possible conversion of city motor vehicles to compressed natural gas. Mr. Bevelacqua promised to work with the city to assist in acquiring grants for biofuels. According to Mr. Bevelacqua grants are available for fuel conversions and biofuel studies. On motion of Councillor Ryan with a second by Councillor Macek the Planning & Development Committee agreed to continue to investigate the benefits of biofuels for City vehicles and buildings.*

A special note of thanks to Representative Brian Dempsey for his assistance with organizing the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Scatamacchia, Chairperson
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