COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

LAW, BUILDINGS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Joseph Igoe, Chair

Meeting called by:  Joseph Igoe, Chair  Date: 7-23-18  Time: 5:30PM

Robert Magee
Sam Wells
Invitees/Speakers  Rick LaJoy

Committee Members
Present:  Igoe, Chair ☒ O’Brien ☒ Applyrs ☒ Anane ☒ Farrell ☒

Council Members
Present:  Council Members Alfredo Balarin , Thomas Hoey, Cathy Fahey, Judy Doesschate and President Pro Temp Richard Conti

Minutes

Agenda Item:
Chair convened the meeting stating members present and agenda item

Points of Discussion:

• When the owner of a vacant building is deceased, the County would take the properties after three years of none payment of taxes. New York State law is a two years minimum of none payment of taxes before they can seize the property.
• All municipalities are dealing with properties with deceased owners.
• The Vacant Building Registry is not applicable to mixed-used properties.
• President Pro Temp Conti sent Robert Magee minor technical edits for the legislation (Ordinance 30.51.18)
• Plan to publicize new edits by posting on the City website and going to neighbor association meetings.
• Samuel Wells go to neighborhoods once a week to provide them with updates on Ordinance 30.51.18.
• Dennis Gaffney using Albany 2030 Facebook page to get the word out and plan on doing a direct mailing to vacant building owners. The first mailing will be sent to the contact info we have on file.
• The building blocks can be used to looking for owners the Assessor’s office maintains contact info.
• Building & Code partners with APD find owners.
• Council Doesschate made some suggestions for the legislation language.
• After discussion, Council Member Farrell made a motion Ordinance 30.51.18 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council MemberApplyrs. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.