

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015  
6:00 P.M. - ROOM 302**

**Members Present:** Chairman Robert Tucker, Pamela Freeman, Omozee Idusuyi, Audrey Jimenez, Jeanne McAuley, and Jesse Warren, Jr.

**Members Not Present:** Jordan Avery and Laura McGaughey-Marquez.

**Others Present:** Attorney Vincent Phelan, Terry Young, and Councilor Hong Net

Chairman Tucker called the Meeting to Order.

**Motion made by Jesse Warren and seconded by Audrey Jimenez to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2015**

**Motion carried.**

**Report from Review Committee #10**

Pam Freeman stated that she spoke with an Engineer from the Department of Transportation and also Police Chief Kevin Coppinger. She also requested information from the city's Traffic Commission as Mr. McCormack had filed complaints with them. After lengthy discussions, she stated that she met with Attorney Phelan and it was determined there was no evidences of a human rights violation. Attorney Phelan stated that Ms. Freeman was correct. The Traffic Commission is the Board designated for this type of complaint. Attorney Phelan stated that a letter was forwarded to Mr. McCormack stating that the Human Rights Commission had no jurisdiction over his complaint. He informed Mr. McCormack that the proper Commission was the City of Lynn's Traffic Commission.

**Motion made by Pam Freeman and seconded by Jeanne McAuley to accept report and close the Complaint.**

**Motion carried.**

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**HRC Ordinance Amendment**

Chairman Tucker stated that the City Council amended the Ordinance for the Lynn Human Rights Commission to include in Section 6:00 – Jurisdiction: “gender identity or expression”.

Also, Section 10:00 Complaints Resolution Procedures: Section F. was added to include “The Human Rights Commission shall hear and determine a complaint of a violation by a private individual of this section. Upon a finding of a violation of this subject, the Human Rights Commission may recommend to any municipal or state licensing authority that the offender’s license(s) be suspended or revoked. Nothing set forth herein is intended to alter or limit the authority of the Licensing Board or any other municipal employee, officer, board, commission, authority or agent pursuant to any federal, state or local statute, regulation or ordinance”. Members were given a copy of the Ordinance with the amendments.

**Discussion re: Vacant HRC Positions**

Chairman Tucker stated that he met with the Mayor regarding the vacancies on the Board. He said that she had a few applications and she was going to put forth the appointments very soon along with Audrey Jimenez’s reappointment.

**New Business**

Pam Freeman asked if the elections could be held over until January.  
Members agreed.

Pam Freeman asked when the new members were appointed, if a discussion on the \$1,500 for advertising could be placed on the agenda.

Members agreed.

**Motion made by Omozee Idusuyi and seconded by Pam Freeman to adjourn.**  
**Motion carried.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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**Theresa C. Young, Clerk**