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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Date: Friday, July 29, 2022
Time: 8:45 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall

ANNOUNCEMENT - Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the Chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the Chair of the Committee, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

- I. A Measure Concerning an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Gregory Deehan
- II. New Business
- III. Adjournment

NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER

Craig R. Cormier

COUNCILLOR CRAIG R. CORMIER
Chairman, Public Safety Committee



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

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Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
GARDNER, MA

Your Contact Information:

First Name: Gregory Last Name: Deehan

Address: PO Box 1960

City: Gardner State: MA Zip Code: 01440

Phone Number: _____ Ext. _____

Email: gregory.d.deehan@gmail.com

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): _____

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

Individual Organization Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

City/Town County Regional/District State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): City Council Public Safety Committee

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation: James Boone

Date of alleged violation: 5/26/2022

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

During discussion on an item regarding scooters, Counselor Jimmy Boone stated that he had a conversation with Counselor Karen Harden outside of the meeting that changed his mind as to whether or not he was going to vote in favor of making scooters a thing in the semeteries.

Since there are only 3 people on the committee, this means they had an illegal meeting if 2 of them talked about an item they were gonna vote on when they were not in a public meeting. This is not transparent and I believe was illegal.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

release the contents of any conversations had between Jimmy Boone and any other counselors as screenshots or transcripts for the minutes so the citizens can see why he changed his mind, because right now, we don't know.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: 

Date: _____

For Use By Public Body

Date Received by Public Body:

For Use By AGO

Date Received by AGO: