

## *Legislative Committee*

October 20, 2014

The Legislative Committee met Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:15 pm. Present were committee members Schlessel, Price and Ward. Also present were Council Representatives Frey, LoPresti and Marko, Mayor Cicero, Law Director Murphy, Chief Porrello and Chief Carroll. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Group Homes/Community homes.

Over the past several months the Building Department has identified additional “Group of Community Home” facilities operating in the City. There are currently 8 that have been identified and registered. Council asked the Director of Law to research the City’s rights, obligations and protections under the law.

Mr. Murphy presented a packet of research data for review. The discussion centered around that packet of information and the balance that must be maintained between the rights of individuals with disabilities as well as the rights of the other members of a community. There are certain, and a very limited number, of ways a Community can regulate this allowed activity that falls under the protection of either state or federal housing laws. It is, however, in the City’s best interest to identify the ways that the residents of these facilities as well as the community as a whole are protected.

Mr. Murphy was requested to review the City’s regulations, Ordinances and processes and make suggestions on how they can be strengthened in this regard. Once that data is available the Committee will meet again to review the results and make recommendations to Council.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick A. Ward  
Chairman