

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: City Council Personnel Committee

Date: September 04, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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1. 08-26-2019 – **Order No. 19-1007755:** Communication from the Mayor, regarding the appointment of Jason (Jay) Piques to the position of Assistant City Solicitor for a term of three years effective on date of confirmation.
-Refer to Personnel

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., AUGUST 26, 2019

ORDERED:

That the Appointment of Jason (Jay) Piques to the position of Assistant City Solicitor for a term of three years effective on date of confirmation, be and is herewith refer to **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.**

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 19-1007755



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Arthur G. Vigeant
MAYOR

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William R. Boudreau
EXECUTIVE AIDE

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Patricia Bernard
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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August 22, 2019

Council President Edward J. Clancy
Marlborough City Council
Marlborough City Hall – 2nd Floor
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Assistant City Solicitor – Jason Piques

Honorable President Clancy and Councilors:

This letter serves to inform you that I am appointing Jason (Jay) Piques to the position of Assistant City Solicitor effective Monday, August 26, 2109.

Most recently, Mr. Piques has been employed as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth serving in the Abandoned Housing Initiative. Through this position, he has worked directly with several municipalities, their Mayors, City Councilors and local boards.

I have appointed Mr. Piques for sixty days and ask for your confirmation for a full three year appointment.

Sincerely,


Arthur G. Vigeant
Mayor



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JASON D. GROSSFIELD
CITY SOLICITOR

August 5, 2019

Arthur G. Vigeant
Mayor
City of Marlborough
140 Main Street, 4th Floor
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Recommendation for Appointment of Jason Piques as Assistant City Solicitor

Dear Mayor Vigeant:

I write to recommend the appointment of Jason Piques to serve as Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Marlborough.

Mr. Piques serves as an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative. Mr. Piques' experience includes working with municipal officials to enforce the State Sanitary Code, the use of receiverships, and litigation associated with addressing abandoned residential properties. I note that the City received a substantial number of highly-qualified applicants, and it is my honor to recommend Mr. Piques for appointment.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Jason D. Grossfield
City Solicitor

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cc: Human Resources Dept.

Jason Piques

Professional Affiliations

Member of the Bar, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, admitted 2013.

Education

New England School of Law | Boston, MA - Juris Doctor: 2013
Intern - City of Somerville Law Department | Somerville, MA 2010-2012

Suffolk University | Boston, MA - Bachelor of Science: Political Science and Philosophy, 2006

Professional Experience

May 2014 - Current

Office of the Attorney General | Boston, MA

Assistant Attorney General - Abandoned Housing Initiative

- Represent the Commonwealth in actions to enforce the State Sanitary Code and for Appointment of a Receiver for blighted and dilapidated properties in the Greater Boston region.
- Negotiated successful rehabilitation of 240 unit apartment complex with a large population of MRVP recipients. Settlement involved the ouster of prior management company, a reprieve on non-payment evictions, temporary re-housing of affected tenants, and restitution to the tenants and municipality.
- Organize, attend, and speak at tenant meetings. Apprise tenants of their rights under Massachusetts law.
- Meet with municipal staff and community leaders to promote and expand the program.
- Attend and speak at AGO and Housing Court outreach to educate health agents and potential receivers.
- Appear before Massachusetts Trial Courts including Housing, Superior, and District Courts.
- Write petitions, motions, memoranda, affidavits and other documents in support of enforcement actions.
- Monitor progress of receivers. Negotiate settlement agreements.
- Coordinate with municipalities to strategize and prioritize State Sanitary Code enforcement, including the creation of the first of its kind "Focused Community Partnership" with the City of Lowell and Centralville neighborhood.
- Negotiated informal resolution with owners or parties with an interest to bring properties back into compliance.
- Attended neighborhood "walk-throughs" and other code-enforcement inspections.

August 2012 - May 2014

Office of the Attorney General | Boston, MA

Paralegal - Abandoned Housing Initiative

- Worked directly with the Abandoned Housing Initiative - Providing day to day support for seven attorneys in four regional offices.
- Reviewed and prepared title examination material for attorneys.
- Created and maintained a case management and reporting system organizing properties referred to our office.
- Attended meetings with community leaders and potential receivers.
- Created maps to help assist target particular neighborhoods in communities where efforts could have greatest impact, used maps to highlight team efforts throughout the Commonwealth.
- Assisted on property inspections with local officials on abandoned and blighted properties, helping to coordinate code enforcement strategies.
- Provided assistance for attorneys in preparations for hearings, drafting, filing, and serving petitions.
- Screened and prepared mail, managed calendars, completed forms, and other administrative duties.

Press

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- Boston Globe: "[Attorney General's program helps town clean up derelict buildings.](#)" December 20, 2015
 - Patriot Ledger: "[Attorney General steps in to address Braintree apartment living conditions.](#)" November 12, 2017

Additional Employment History

March 2009 - August 2012: Ace Ticket Worldwide | Boston, MA, Senior Broker Relations Specialist
January 2009 - February 2009: Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications | Boston, MA, Lobbying Intern (temp.)
January 2001 - November 2008: Jordan's Furniture | Reading, MA, Sales Representative
May 2007 - May 2008: City of Somerville | Somerville, MA, Constituent Services Representative
January 2005 - May 2005: The Center for Democracy and Technology | Washington, DC, Intern
Summers 1999 - 2001: Olympic Adhesives | Norwood, MA, Plant Employee

Certifications: Westlaw, LexisNexis, Maptitude

Other professional applications: Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Adobe Photoshop

References available upon request