



January 31, 1977.

8. The four additional members of the respondent council, not members of the respondent committee, did participate fully in the aforesaid discussion and did express, along with the members of the respondent committee, their consensus concerning the subject discussed therein.

9. The aforesaid consensus of all members of the respondent council was reflected in the minutes of said meeting.


10. It is found that the meeting of January 31, 1977 constituted a meeting of the respondent council upon a matter over which it has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power within the meaning of §1-18a(b), General Statutes, to which the provisions of P.A. 75-342 concerning notice, minutes and record of votes apply.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. Henceforth, the respondent council shall strictly comply with the provisions of P.A. 75-342 concerning the requirement of notice to its meetings, as interpreted by these findings.

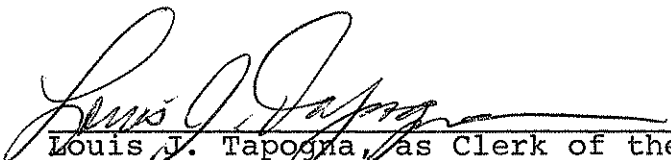
2. The Commission bears in mind that very often a municipal agency is composed of a group of laymen who do not always express themselves or act with the nicety of Philadelphia lawyers. The Commission will scrupulously not to hamper the legitimate activities of civic administrative boards by declaring null and void, as a matter of course, their actions as a result of such technical infirmities.

3. The Commission notes that the provisions of P.A. 75-342 concerning the adjournment and continuance of meetings should adequately provide for the eventuality of a failure of a quorum of the respondent council to turn out for one of its committee meetings subsequent to giving notice of the same as outlined in order #1 hereinabove.

  
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Commissioner Judith Lahey

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
March 23, 1977.

  
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Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the  
Freedom of Information Commission