

City Council Ordinance Committee Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2017
City Hall Room 215
6:00pm

Attendance: Chairman Gregg Cogswell, Councilman Paul Cavagnero, Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime Lamere, Mayoral Aide Tim Waldron, Economic Development Director Erin Wilson

Chairman Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

The committee discussed proposed changes to ordinance §161 *Property Maintenance*. Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime Lamere, and Economic Development Director Erin Wilson reviewed the proposed changes and discussed with subcommittee members the reasoning behind the various proposed changes.

Councilman Paul Cavagnero and Councilman Gregg Cogswell asked various questions regarding enforcement, staffing, and the process for pursuing complaints in a civil and criminal fashion. Both members were in support of the Mayors efforts to strengthen the existing ordinance.

Councilman Cogswell recommended that the ordinance include language that the Mayor would appoint 3 or more hearing officers, in order to ensure that individuals would be available to serve in this role.

Councilman Paul Cavagnero made a motion to approve the proposed changes and move forward with the ordinance change. Mayoral Aide Tim Waldron asked that the motion be changed to “approve changes to ordinance and forward to the City Council for the purposes of scheduling a public hearing” Councilman Cavagnero amended his motion to reflect the change. Councilman Cogswell seconded the motion and it was approved with both members voting in the affirmative.

Councilman Cogswell adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Waldron