

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2023. Present at City Hall were Councilors Anne Ruwet, Armand Maniccia, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, and Public Works Director Ray Drew. Councilor Paul Cavagnero and Sergeant Dustin Baldis were absent.

Chairman Ruwet called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Approval

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2023.

Discussion: Solid Waste Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to move Chapter 128 – Solid Waste to City Council to schedule a Public Hearing for April 17, 2023. Mr. Drew explained to the Committee the changes that had been made to the Solid Waste Ordinance based on feedback received. He mentioned updating some of the definitions and other aspects of the Ordinance based on the comments and suggestions that had been obtained. He also said that in this Ordinance he added the abandoned shopping carts because it is considered littering when they are left all over the City. He went over the ins and outs of the abandoned shopping cart section of the Ordinance. Councilor Ruwet suggested reaching out to businesses that will be impacted by the shopping cart section of this Ordinance, so they have time before the Public Hearing to have a plan in place or provide a response.

Discussion: Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vegetation

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to move Chapter 181 – Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vegetation to City Council for their review and approval. Mr. Drew spoke about some changes that were made to the Tree Ordinance after getting input from the Public Hearing. He said that they are going to maintain a list of notable trees, most of which are located on private property. He also noted that as long as there is no infestation of the trees, they will allow individuals to have trees that have been cut down by the City.

Discussion: Snow Removal

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to have City Council schedule a Public Hearing for the Snow Removal Ordinance, on March 20, 2023.

Discussion: Fair Rent Commission

Atty. Muschell explained to the Committee that this is State mandated and is something that the City has to have in place by July 1, 2023. He further explained that this version is merely a placeholder and that there will be many changes made to this Ordinance as questions arise.

Business by Committee Members

Councilor Ruwet set the next Ordinance Subcommittee meeting for April 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. She said that the only Ordinance to be discussed would be the Fair Rent Commission.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK