

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council was held on Monday, August 15, 2022. Present at City Hall were Chairman Anne Ruwet, Councilor Armand Maniccia, Councilor Paul Cavagnero, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, and Public Works Director Ray Drew.

Chairman Ruwet called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Mike Banzurik voiced his concerns about how far in advance the meeting notification was published, and that Section 41-1 of the City Charter states that meetings and agendas need to be published five days before a meeting.

Stephen Ivain reiterated what Mr. Banzurik had said and stated that an agenda should be published five days before any meeting.

Meeting Minutes Approval

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 2022.

Discussion: Food Truck Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to table the Food Truck Ordinance until the next meeting. Atty. Vic Muschell explained to the subcommittee that the Ordinance had been updated to reflect the input from the Public Hearing which was held in June. He went on to say that with the help of Chief Baldwin they made the Ordinance more up-to-date. Councilor Cavagnero stated that with all the changes that have been made to the Ordinance he wanted to hear from the Police Chief to hear his input on how this will affect him and the department. Chairman Ruwet also mentioned having the Ordinance reviewed by Planning and Zoning to ensure that it will also work for them since once it is passed it will be around for a while.

Discussion: Solid Waste

Public Works Director Ray Drew spoke about the changes that have been made to the Solid Waste Ordinance. He went on to explain how the definitions have been changed and updated. He explained further that the language surrounding organic waste and food scraps was new, and so was the bulky waste permit section, and section 128.2, about littering. Chairman Ruwet asked how the bulky waste permits were going and if there was a fee to pull one, Mr. Drew explained that the permits are being pulled, and there is still no cost at this time. He stated that they have information on the City website and a flyer went out in the City tax bills to residents explaining how the bulky waste permits work. Councilor Cavagnero suggested having a direct line to call regarding bulk items being left out. Mr. Drew explained that Article II hasn't changed, but Article III is a new section focused strictly on recycling. He explained that the language in this Article mirrors the State Statute. Councilor Cavagnero suggested bringing an executive summary to Council for review, before meeting again as the Ordinance Subcommittee to send this Ordinance to a Public Hearing. Chairman Ruwet would like the Ordinance Subcommittee to review and approve Articles I, II, and possibly IV at the next meeting, and discuss Article III.

Discussion: Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vegetation

Public Works Director Ray Drew explained that this Ordinance is completely new. The Ordinance gives the City the authority to manage public trees. He went on to say that this also gives the City recourse if someone damages or destroys trees on public property. Councilor Cavagnero wanted to know if any other cities had a tree ordinance to see what kind of language they used. Chairman Ruwet stated that this Ordinance will be researched and then brought back to the Subcommittee for review at the next meeting.

Business by Committee Members

There was no additional business to be discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK