

**MINUTES
ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council was held on Monday, April 15, 2024. Present at City Hall were Councilors Anne Ruwet, Paul Cavagnero, Molly Spino, Corporation Counsel Michael Magistrali, and WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey.

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

Meeting Minutes Approval

On a motion by Councilor Spino, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024.

Discussion: Sewers

On a motion by Councilor Spino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to move the amendments to Chapter 170, Sewers, to the City Council to schedule a Public Hearing for June 3, 2024. Mr. Tousey explained the changes to the Sewers Ordinance, the biggest one being the name change for the facility, going from the water pollution control facility to the water resource recovery facility. Mr. Tousey also said that the State had handled the Significant Industrial Users (SIU) and the Miscellaneous Industrial Users (MIU) but has since handed over the MIUs to the City, making sections 170.27 – 170.34 all new. Mr. Tousey said that there will be a new position associated with this new section, and any fees collected will help pay for the salary. Atty. Magistrali said that they took the State regulations and tailored them to the City. Councilor Ruwet asked who the SIUs were, and Mr. Tousey said that it was RBC and Colonial Bronze. Atty. Magistrali asked for examples of MIUs, and Mr. Tousey said it would be any other industry, for instance, repair shops, small industrial plants, or any business that discharges wastewater that could harm our system. Councilor Cavagnero asked if there was a check-in process, Mr. Tousey told him that there is a compliance officer who can do pop-ins, and there is a crew in place to monitor the system and if necessary, send out the officer for an inspection. Councilor Cavagnero asked what the fine would be if there was no compliance, Mr. Tousey said it is \$100 a day. Councilor Spino asked how businesses are considered MIUs, Mr. Tousey explained that there is an application that must be filled out before any business opening, and it must be signed off on before that business can receive a certificate of occupancy. Councilor Ruwet summarized the changes to the Committee members, that it was a name change, and adding the new section for MIUs.

Business by Members

Councilor Ruwet said the next meeting will be June 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Spino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK