

**MINUTES  
ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUDITORIUM / ZOOM  
OCTOBER 17, 2022**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council was held on Monday, October 17, 2022. Present at City Hall were Chairman Anne Ruwet, Councilor Armand Maniccia, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, Police Sergeant Dustin Baldis, and Public Works Director Ray Drew. Councilor Paul Cavagnero was absent.

Chairman Ruwet called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 August 15, 2022.

**Discussion: Food Truck Ordinance**

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to move the amended changes to the Food Truck Ordinance as discussed to a Public Hearing, on November 14, 2022. Atty. 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 talk about adding grandfathering language to the Ordinance, saying that he doesn't believe there are many Food Trucks or Vendors to which this would apply. Sergeant Baldis agreed with him, he stated that most of the Food Trucks or Vendors are located on private property. The Subcommittee spoke about the length of time that a Food Truck or Vendor would be grandfathered if they chose to add that into the Ordinance. They also questioned if a Food Truck or Vendor had to move locations for a few months due to construction happening, how would it affect their location. Councilor Ruwet said that the annual fee for the permits should be from January first through the end of December, instead of February first through the end of March. She also stated that Council would be approving the permits' annual fee.

**Discussion: Solid Waste**

Public Works Director Ray Drew spoke about the changes that have been made to the Solid Waste Ordinance, for instance updating the language and making the Ordinance gender neutral. He went on to say that the biggest part of this Ordinance is changing people's behaviors when it comes to recycling and bulky waste pickup. Councilor Ruwet suggested that this current Ordinance since it is all new, replace the current chapter in the City Ordinances. The Subcommittee went on to discuss the fees associated with the Solid Waste Ordinance, stating that the City Council would approve the fees. Mr. Drew said that the fees would be established for the Fiscal Year, as they would coincide with the budget. Councilor Ruwet suggested doing an executive summary of the Ordinance for the next meeting. She also would like to see comparisons to other towns similar in size for pricing for solid waste pick-up.

**Discussion: Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vegetation**

Public Works Director Ray Drew explained that this Ordinance is completely new and that the purpose is to let individuals know how the City manages trees and shrubs. This Ordinance applies to only trees on City property. Sergeant Baldis asked if the City has a right of way and who would be responsible if there was an accident, Mr. Drew told him that the City does have a right of way and that this Ordinance would give the City the right to recover the amount the tree would be worth if there was an accident. He went on to say that this also gives the City recourse if someone damages or destroys trees on public property. Councilor Ruwet said to have Atty. Muschell review the Ordinance before the next meeting.

**Business by Committee Members**

**Councilor Ruwet** set a date of December 5, 2022, for the next Ordinance Subcommittee meeting.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

  
CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK