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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:45 PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Dale Mayr

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Robert Strzelczyk

Also Present: Mayor Wirth (6:07 P.M.) City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, Executive Assistant Prosser, Press

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. March 2021 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Strzelczyk

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

AYES: Mayr, Bushee, Strzelczyk

3) Ordinances

a. ORDINANCE 2021-1591 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 62-8(b) (4) of the Mequon Municipal Code Relating to the Regulation of Political Messages

City Attorney Sajdak stated *Ordinance 2021-1591 - An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 62-8(b) (4) of the Mequon Municipal Code Relating to the Regulation of Political Messages* is before the Committee as a preliminary discussion. Attorney Sajdak stated the City has not actively regulated or enforced the regulations related to the time at which political signs could remain up following an election. Attorney Sajdak noted, following the November presidential election, numerous complaints were received concerning signs for both candidates that remained well beyond the election as the challenges to the results carried on. The proposed ordinance provides for three things; 1) It eliminates the time-based restrictions to address the concerns raised by the case law 2) It reformates the section to make

it consistent with other code provisions and also makes it easier to read 3) It adopts the language that the State uses which is “political message” as opposed to campaign sign.

City Attorney Sajdak will provide examples of ordinances from other communities and draft language for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

4) Discussion Items

a. Chapter 2: Article II – Common Council and Article IV – Officers and Employees Ordinance Updates

Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann stated that updates to Chapter 2 from the Committee’s last meeting have been entered via tracked changes through Section 2-36. Mr. Schoenemann mentioned that the Committee may want to discuss 2-28(c) since an amendment was not solidified at its last meeting.

The Committee went back to review Sec. 2-28 (c) - Action of a standing committee. An amendment was made by Mayor Wirth to read; to place on a Common Council agenda within two calendar months following the submission to the mayor.

The Committee continued its review of Chapter 2: Article II-Common Council at Sec. 2-37. Sec. 2-37. Order of business-regular meeting. A suggestion was to add language to reflect the order of 1, 2, and 3 on the agenda cannot change.

Mayor Wirth pointed out that the language in Sec. 2-25 and Sec. 2-39 (8) is redundant. A suggestion was made to provide the language in only one section. Staff will draft the language and review it with the City Attorney.

Sec. 2-40 Agendas (b). The Committee requested that the language be rewritten for clarity.

The Committee concluded their review at Sec. 2-41. - Procedures for proposed ordinances and resolutions.

b. Community Outreach Committee

No discussion was held on the Community Outreach Committee.

5) Information Items

a. Work Calendar

The Committee did not review the work calendar.

6) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM.

RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY:	Alderman Bushee

SECONDED BY: Alderman Strzelczyk

AYES: Mayr, Bushee, Strzelczyk

Respectfully Submitted,

Lina Prosser
Executive Assistant