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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:00 PM

Lower Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order

Present:

Chair Mark Gierl
Alderman Glenn Bushee
Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, Assistant Community Development Director Zader, Inspections Supervisor Hadley, Executive Assistant Enea, and Cooper Prindell

2) Minutes

1. Minutes

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gierl

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

3) Ordinances

Action requested: review and recommend approval

a. Electronic Meetings for Common Council and Planning Commission

City Attorney Sajdak presented his recommendations of allowing for virtual/hybrid meetings, using other locations besides City Hall, and attendance to be by electronic means. The general rule of attendance allowing for 3 absences per year might be considered excessive. Alderman Bushee suggested allowing 2 members to be absent per meeting, first-come first-serve to sign-up.

b. Chapter II and Article IV - Administration of City Operations

City Administrator Jones suggested changing the language regarding the suspension of an employee, as currently, proposed suspensions must be considered by the Finance-Personnel Committee. Also, all salaries are set by the Administration Office, not in consultation with the Mayor. Currently, a monthly report is not filed but rather staff publishes a Weekly

Bulletin. Alderwoman Schneider did not think a yearly report was enough to give an evaluation. Alderman Bushee stated how the Finance-Personnel Committee were provided with quarterly numbers, maybe that system would work here. City Administrator Jones will prepare proposed amendments for consideration at a future meeting..

4) Discussion Items

a. **RESOLUTION 3875** Informational Item Related to Home Irrigation Systems

The City currently does not monitor how many irrigation systems are in use by homeowners. The Finance Department provided information that on average 6,000 gallons of water per person per quarter are used. Alderman Gierl did some research and found that a typical irrigation system uses 13 gallons per minute per zone (1/4 acre). That would translate to 4,160 gallons per week or 54,080 per quarter. All agreed that was a wasteful drain on the Aquifer. A discussion then took place regarding some solutions which included education of residents, a questionnaire, producing annual articles, watering on alternate dates, requiring a permit to install (like Waukesha), and having the DNR take water samples to measure the problem. For the next meeting, it will be determined how much it costs for the DNR to take samples and City staff will examine the impact into implementing permits.

b. Composting Plan

Moved to next meeting.

5) Information Items

a. Work Calendar

6) Adjourn

1. Motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM.

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

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea