

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 3, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Richard R. Michaud, Chair
Councilor Matt Gerding
Councilor Don Austin
Councilor Nancie Cameron

Administration/Staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Welfare Officer Kristen LaPanne

Chairman Michaud called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 4-0.

COMCAST RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Manager Belmore provided the Committee with the Cable Television Renewal Franchise DRAFT Proposed Agreement and requested any feedback or suggestions. Belmore added that he authorized our legal counsel, Kate Miller, to send the Agreement to Jay Somers from Comcast who is responsible for government contracts. Attorney Miller will be sending it with the caveat that the City hasn't fully reviewed it and may have some suggestions. Councilor Austin brought attention to Exhibit A, Public Buildings, which may include buildings that no longer have or need cable services such as the Hilltop School. Manager Belmore will review the list and confirm.

CITY ORDINANCES

Chapter 14, Licenses & Permits

Manager Belmore provided the Committee with a redlined version of Chapter 14, Licenses and Permits which was reviewed by City Staff including Police Chief McLin, Police Captain Duval and Finance Director Scott Smith and provided proposed edits. Committee Members came to the consensus on a few more changes: to strike "any open-air public meetings" in Section 14.2 Permits, Section 5, and to delete Section 3 in its entirety from Section 14.3 Fees regarding billiard or pool tables, and not making any increase in fees in Section 14.5 Taxi fee.

Manager Belmore explained the added revisions to Section 14.6 Application that outlines requests for additional information from the applicant which is particularly beneficial to the Police Department when any road closures are needed and to City Staff when reviewing the application for approval to use the Plaza, etc. Manager Belmore included a draft copy of the revised Event/Sign Permit Application with the additional requested information.

The Committee briefly discussed Section 14.9A and determined it best to leave as is.

Councilor Austin made a motion to sponsor an Ordinance to amend changes as presented to Chapter 14, Licenses and Permits. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 4-0.

Chapter 29, Administrative Code, Traffic Safety Committee

Manager Belmore provided the Committee with a redlined version of City Ordinance addressing Section 29.4.9 Traffic Safety Committee after review and consideration from Police Chief McLin and City Staff.

There was discussion pertaining to the Committees preference of number of public members at large. The Committee came to the consensus that having 2 members at large were preferred in order to have a 9-member Committee with an odd number for voting purposes.

Committee Members agreed with all the other recommended changes.

Councilor Cameron made a motion to sponsor an Ordinance to amend changes as presented and discussed to Chapter 29 Section 29.4.9 Traffic Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding and passed 4-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Austin would like to keep the topic of SOS, Recovery Friendly Workplace at the forefront for the Committee and City Staff to discuss and review City Ordinances, Union Contracts and other City regulations that may pose as a legal barrier to implementing the program within the City's Departments. Councilor Gerding requested a meeting with the Recovery Friendly Workplace staff to gather more information and have questions answered. The Committee agreed to schedule a tentative meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. pending confirmation that staff from Recovery Friendly Workplace could attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cameron made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen LaPanne, Welfare Officer