

2020

City of Metropolis
Ordinance Committee
Meeting Minutes

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Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

Place: City Hall Council Chambers

Time: 12:30

Roll Call:

Short	Present
Canada	Present
Holley	Present
Wagner	Present

Moved by Alderman Chuck Short and Seconded by Alderman Jeremy Holley to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 12-12-19 as presented:

MOTION CARRIED

Short	Yea
Canada	Yea
Holley	Yea
Wagner	Yea

Discussion of fees for liquor licenses was the next order of business. The new ordinance will modify prohibition for alcohol sales on Market Street, lower the age from 19 to 18 for servers and clerks and add licenses for B&B's, catering establishments, and beer and wine stores. The updates conformed to the state statute giving additional definitions, allow provisions and better suit the establishments needing a liquor license.

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Moved by Alderman Chuck Short and Second by Alderman Al Wagner to recommend to the full Council to take action adopt an Ordinance revising Chapter 110, Alcohol of the Code of Metropolis-revised liquor control Ordinance;

MOTION CARRIED:

Hall	Yea
Lewis	Yea
Neill	Yea
Taylor	Yea

The Committee discussed the Charge Mitigation Rates proposed by the Fire Department. The City has already established an ordinance providing that the City would charge for the services for the Fire Department when there is a commercial spill. The charges are for our supplies, chemicals used and equipment as well as time spent on the scene. Those fees are billed to the commercial company that owns the vehicle. We also impose charges when our electric and/or water departments are called out as a result of accidents to address damages to public infrastructure. When a transformer, electric pole, or other guidewire is struck in a vehicle accident we impose charges. We need to consider whether or not to impose charges for fire calls upon the owners of properties within the City. After discussion the consensus was to table the motion.

Moved by Alderman Chuck Short and Second by Alderman Don Canada to *Table* an Ordinance Establishing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates in the Fire Department;

MOTION CARRIED:

Hall	Yea
Lewis	Yea
Neill	Yea
Taylor	Yea

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The statute provides that the City may establish its own inauguration date by ordinance. This ordinance will establish the inauguration date at the first regular meeting of the City Council in May. It would clarify that outgoing alderman would receive pay for the month of April while the incoming will receive their salaries with the first meeting in May. The City Clerk and Mayor who work fulltime would be paid up until the date that the new Mayor and Clerk are sworn in. This will provide a smoother transition when elected officials are leaving office and the newly elected officials taking office.

Moved by Alderman Chuck Short and Second by Alderman Al Wagner to recommend to the full Council to adopt an Ordinance Establishing the date for Inauguration of elected offices of the City and the commencement of salaries and benefits for the same;

MOTION CARRIED:

Hall	Yea
Lewis	Yea
Neill	Yea
Taylor	Yea

The person filling the position of Treasurer has to have substantial background in government finance and accounting. In the City of Metropolis this is no longer a simple bookkeeping or check writing job. If this position remains an elected position it would not produce an individual with the necessary training, education, and skills to successfully fill the position of Treasurer. If the position becomes appointed the Council can mandate the education, experience, training and skills. The consensus was *not* to adopt the ordinance and make the position part-time with no less than 18 hours and not more than 29 at a rate of \$22.00 per hour and no insurance.

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The Ordinance to sell miscellaneous equipment obtained through the LESO program will be brought back at a later date.

Moved by Alderman Chuck Short and Seconded Al Wagner to adjourn;
MOTION CARRIED: **TIME 2:05**

Short	Yea
Canada	Yea
Holley	Yea
Wagner	Yea