

**Present:** Mayor Biss, CM Revelle, CM Suffredin

**Staff:** Interim Manager Gandurski, Policy Coordinator Alison Leipsiger

New schedule for committee is the fourth and second Tuesdays of the month.

Holding all of CM Burns' referrals until we have an update from him.

**New Referrals:** "City Manager Residency Requirement" by CM Reid

Actually, there are two parts to this. One is the residency and the other is changing the number of votes necessary to dismiss a manager (from 2/3 to a simple majority). CM Suffredin said that housing etc is part of the negotiations with the hiring of a manager already. The second part is awkward in the middle of a manager search, and has already been discussed at council. (It was a 5-5 vote in Rules, and never was forwarded to full Council – knowing it wouldn't pass there. However, they will refer it to **Rules** where it can be on the next agenda, or delayed by the chair of Rules until a later date.

"Reorganize Economic Development Committee Membership" by Manager.

This would reduce the number from 10 to 9. Remove the Plan commission member and replace with MWEBE member and remove Zoning Board of Appeals representative and replace with economic development professional. Refer to **Rules** at their next meeting.

Additional consideration: line 72 on tracker – from CM Burns

"Communications support for Council Members". This proposes a stipend of \$15,000 per member to either hire an intern or assistant to help with newsletters, meetings, etc. According to Kelley's conversation with CM Burns, this hire would be solely responsible to the CM. One question is whether this would be compensation (thus needing to comply with state law). Cummings (law) was unclear about this. Another question revolves around rules for elected officials hiring staff. A third is the budget question of adding \$150,000 to current or future budget. Mayor thinks CM Burns wanted it to apply this year. They agreed that it was their job to refer it (not hold it), so by 3-0 vote it was referred to **Rules** Comm. to be dealt with as agenda allowed, by the third quarter. Of 2022.

Line 43 from CM Reid – "Regulation for EPD Warrant Execution". This was referred to **Human Services** Committee by end of third quarter 2022.

Line 30 from CM Reid – "Fair Work Week Ordinance" This was referred to **Human Services** by end of third quarter 2022.

Line 57 from CM Reid – "Plastic Bag Tax". CM Revelle said that banning all plastic bags, which they have done, has resulted in many more paper bags being used. Logically, this should go to

Environmental Bd., but as CM Suffredin suggested it should also go to Economic Development. Alison said that she and Cara (sustainability director) said that some communities, rather than exempt certain businesses, they charge everyone and then return money back to particular retailers (such as grocers and dry cleaners). There could also be public outreach and education before it's in force. CM Suffredin also asked that administration of such a tax system be considered (staff and cost). Saying that it was a given what the Environmental Bd would do, just send it to **Economic Development** by third quarter.

Line 46 from CM Reid – Required Declaration of TIF surplus funds. Referred to **Finance and Budget** by the first quarter of 2023.

#### Review and Scheduling of Referrals

Members of the committee shall review the list of **referrals made to date** and select those that will be prioritized for scheduling.

#### **For Action:**

Line 7 to be referred to Rules to be heard at the next meeting.

(Decriminalization of all drugs)

Line 6 to be referred to A&PW to be heard at the next meeting

Line 5 to be referred to the Environmental Board to be heard by third quarter.

(leaf blowers)

Line 4 to be referred to Rules Committee by the next meeting.

(halt property tax increase in 2023 budget)

Line 3 to be referred to Rules Committee by the next meeting.

**All recorded votes were passed 3-0.**

Adjourned.