

## **Referrals Committee - August 18, 2022**

**Members present:** Mayor Biss, CM Revelle

**Member absent:** CM Suffredin

**Staff:** City Manager Luke Stowe, Alison Leipsinger (policy coordinator)

**Observer:** Cheryl Wollin, LWV

Mayor Biss called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CM Revelle moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Passed 2-0.

Mayor said there were 5 referrals, including one that just came in last night.

#38 (from CM Burns) There is a citizen complaint review board for police complaints, but he would like to expand it to cover complaints against other city staff (such as code enforcement officers). Stowe noted that there were union issues, but certainly customer service training was needed throughout the city staff. CM Revelle noted the unique situation from a homeowners' perspective about being cited for a property violation. Mayor suggested a presentation and discussion about customer service training at an A&PW meeting by the end of October. Approved 2-0.

#31 The Mayor apologized for an earlier mistake. The committee had referred a zoning issue to P&D when it should have gone to the Land Use Commission. It was now being forwarded to LUC to be dealt with ASAP. 2-0

#39 (from CM Revelle) While working on the noise ordinance, the issue of music playing at outdoor patios of restaurants near residential neighborhoods, it was discovered that patios are not even in the code! So first the LUC should provide that patios need permits (which would include amplified music). Once that was done, they could add a paragraph dealing with decibels to the newly proposed noise ordinance. Referred to LUC by the end of November, so that it could all be settled by warm weather in 2023. Both Mayor and Stowe said that they knew the difficulty of restaurants during the pandemic, and did not want them to think the city was throwing up new barriers. Approved 2-0.

#40 (from previous interim city manager) The Social Service Committee should report directly to Council, especially necessary due to funding & grants. CM Revelle noted that the same two step funding approval is expected from Human Services. Stowe suggested that rather than singling out one committee, he would provide a flow chart of which committees report where, and what kinds of items go to City Council. Discussion to be held at Rules Committee by the end of this year. Approved 2-0.

#41 (from Burns) Change the responsibility of removing tree limbs & branches from property from home owner to city. Problem with renters not wanting to be responsible. Mayor noted that there were two issues: the cost and the liability. Stowe , the law dept, public works, and finance would do research on these factors. Information would go to A&PD by the end of October. Approved 2-0.

#42 (from Reid?) This just came in last night, so it may be postponed until next referrals committee (which is next week!). It has to do with money for undocumented people in the American Rescue Act. Stowe said that Ike Igbo was out of the country for at least a week. It would probably go to Human Services (which had just met last night). This comm. would take it up next week.

Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.