

Referrals Committee – June 23, 2022

Members: Mayor Biss, CM Revelle, CM Suffredin

Staff: Kelley Gandurski, Alison Leipsiger

Other: CM Reid

LWV Observer: Cheryl Wollin

Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. CM Revelle moved approval of minutes of June 9 meeting. Approved 3-0.

Only one new referral and then three others that were held for more information. New one is made by CM Kelly to reimburse firefighters for the raise that they deferred in 2021 and 2022 due to pandemic revenue shortfall. Kelly inferred that ARPA funds could be used. Gandurski said that they are not eligible for ARPA funds due to their economic status. She also noted that they have received 2.5% already, and will receive 2.5% at end of the year. CM Reid offered his comments, but committee did not feel it appropriate or needed at this time. Referred to Budget and Finance committee before end of 3rd Quarter. Vote 3-0.

First held over item -alley paving. Reid said the process for CDBG funded alleys is not clear, and this alley is near new Living Room facility. Much discussion on process. Finally agreed to send to HCDC to clarify the process for CDBG alley pavings, in 3rd quarter. Vote 3-0

Next one, also Reid's referral regarding truck parking prohibited on certain streets. He claimed they were listed in city code, therefore a referral was in order to amend the code. Referred to A&PW in 3rd quarter. Vote 3-0.

Last held over referral made by Reid had to do with parkway restrictions on the Fourth of July parade route. He claimed it was unconstitutional. Gandurski said that only referred to content/message of parades (not parkway lawn chairs!). Could clarify by making restrictions apply only to parades needing a city license. Sent to Human Services by end of 1st quarter of 2023. (Law dept may wish to look it over first.) Vote 3-0.

Before adjournment, Reid said that the Budget committee is not focusing on his referrals. That will be discussed with the new chair of Budget and Finance.

Adjournment at 9:10 a.m.