

Observer Report Form

Rules Committee

Date: October 19, 2020

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present/Absent: All and the mayor.

Staff Present: Francello and Richardson

Meeting began: 5:04 pm

Meeting ended: 5:56 pm

Public Comment: Vasilko would recommend a no vote on raising the salary and benefits - aldermen should think of their time as a public service.

Compensation: After much discussion, with Fiske speaking up for not raising the salary since employees are taking hits with not raising their salaries or having to take furlough days. (She seemed surprised about the cost of insurance.) The end result was that Wilson recommended staff to come back with two options for Council to discuss: Keep the recommended stipend with the option for family health benefits or keep everything as it is now (i.e., no salary increase). Staff will come back to them at the next Council meeting.

The mayor also suggested that the Council determine if they want to have a citizen committee in the future as the committee puts much work in on the suggestion and then it is ignored by Council.