

General Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Committee members present: Chair Tadio, Alderman Cupoli, Alderman Barbagallo, Alderwoman Hooker, Alderwoman Savage

Others present: President Talbott, Alderman Adams, Alderwoman Davis, Attorney Megan LaChance, Mayor Doenges, Alderwoman McClure, Alderman Gillam, Andrew Strniste

Meeting was called to order at: 5:30pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss expanding the Planning Commission from 5-7 members and a process for adding city agency and board reports and minutes to the city website.

The Mayor explained that it is difficult to hold meetings when the Planning Commission consists of only 5 members because a quorum is needed and everyone is not always available on the same days. The solution is to add two more members to make it easier for the Planning Commission to meet. Attorney LaChance stated that the state statute says a City Planning Commission shall have between 3-9 members. Our City Charter and our City Ordinances do not specify a number of Commissioners so it's up to the Board and Mayor to determine a good number. It was discussed whether to make the Board of Alderman member position a voting position but no action was taken by the committee at this time.

Alderman Barbagallo made a motion to create a resolution to expand the planning commission from 5 to 7 members effective, Monday September 18th, 2023.
The motion passed 5-0.

Next the committee discussed the pros and cons of adding city agency and city board minutes to our website. It would cost the city money because it would take a city employee time to upload all the minutes each week. A simple solution was proposed that the city website could be updated with a hyperlink to each city agency and city board website page where their minutes are contained so that the public will have easier access to information.

Alderwoman Savage made a motion to update the city website to include hyperlinks to city agency and city board websites. The motion passed 5-0.

The committee adjourned at 5:51pm.