



Finance and Administration Committee Record of Proceeding December 12, 2022

The Finance and Administration Committee met on Monday, December 12, 2022. Those in attendance included: Chairperson Barbara McGuinness, Ward I; Vice- Chairperson Michael Moore, Ward III; Council Committee Member Aaron Wahl, Ward II; Council Committee Member Gary Budoor Ward IV; City Administrator Mike Geisel; and Finance Director Jeannette Kelly. Those also in attendance included: Councilmember Mary Monachella, Ward I; Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II; Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV; Mayor Bob Nation; Director of Planning, Justin Wyse; City Clerk, Vickie McGownd; Asst. to City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Molly Taylor; and Chief of Police, Ray Johnson.

Chairperson Barbara McGuinness called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax

City Administrator, Mike Geisel, recommended to the Committee to place a proposed ordinance on the April 2023 ballot for a 3% Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax.

Councilmember Moore, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness to recommend placing the recreational marijuana sales tax on the April 2023 ballot. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by voice vote and was declared passed. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration at their 1/03/2023 meeting.

Potential Fee Increase Due to Inflation

City Administrator, Mike Geisel, presented to Committee an ordinance increasing City fees for certain municipal services due to a cumulative inflation which has increased costs by approximately 25% since 2014.

Councilmember McGuinness, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Moore to recommend approving the ordinance to increase City fees. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by voice vote and was declared passed. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration at their 01/03/2023 meeting.

Proposed Ordinance for Municipal Violations

City Administrator, Mike Geisel, presented the proposed Bill, which had been prepared at the direction of the F&A Committee which would create regulations preventing issuances of licenses, permits or other approvals for those that are permitting violations of Chapter 2015 related to public nuisances and/or Chapter 405 related to zoning.

Councilmember Moore, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness to recommend approving the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by voice vote and was declared passed. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration at their 01/03/2023 meeting.

Employee Handbook – Informational Update

City Administrator, Mike Geisel, reminded the Committee that the 2023 budget includes funds to engage legal services to update the City's employee handbook. It has not been formally updated in recent memory and requires substantial changes to remain legally compliant.

Financial Update

Director of Finance, Jeannette Kelly, provided a financial update to Committee.

Alternative Court

Committee Councilmember and Chair of the Public Health and Safety Committee, Aaron Wahl, explained the PH&S Committee's recommendation to approve the creation of an alternative court program proposed by Chesterfield's Prosecuting Attorney, Tim Engelmeyer, to provide defendants charged with specific offenses to enter a 'post-plea' program in which they sign an agreement with the prosecutor and subsequently enter a guilty plea to the offense in which they were originally charged at which point rather than the Court sentencing the defendant, the Court would defer sentencing while the defendant enters the Alternative Treatment Court Program. Upon successful completion of the Treatment Court Program, the Court would allow the defendant to withdraw their previous plea of guilty and receive an alternative disposition. The goal of this program is to provide defendants the treatment they need to prevent recidivism, avoid convictions on more serious violations, and connect defendants struggling with addiction or other afflictions with resources they need.

Councilmember Moore, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wahl to recommend approving the option of an alternative court program. The motion passed with a 3-1 voice vote, with Councilmember McGuinness voting in opposition, and was declared passed. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration at their 01/03/2023 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeannette Kelly
Finance Director

Molly Lasley
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____

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