

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

Regular Meeting Minutes Legal Committee October 17, 2019 Lake Forest City Hall 7:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. In attendance was Chairman Dale Tauke and members Joy Guscott-Mueller, David Michael, and Aldermen Melanie Rummel. Also in attendance were City Attorney Julie Tappendorf; City Manager, Jason Wicha; and Assistant to the City Manager Mike Strong.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Legal Committee

a. Minutes from the July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Rummel and seconded by Member Guscott-Mueller to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 regular meeting, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no members from the public who chose to speak.

4. Review of Chapter 40 of the City Code, the City's Ethics Ordinance

Chairman Tauke provided an overview of the recent City Council deliberation on the Ethics Ordinance. He stated that there was discussion regarding the Committee's recommendation on the definition of "Relative" and the preambles to the Ordinance. Chairmain Tauke stated that the Mayor has asked for the Committee's input on this matter, and its position on these issues.

Alderman Rummel stated that the Council believed the definition was too narrow, and there was discussion about whether broadening the definition was appropriate to include additional familial relationships. The Committee discussed the language and potential modifications to the definition. Committee members recommended that City Council include "civil union" and "domestic partners" in the definition of "Relative".

The Committee also discussed modifying, removing, or restating the preamble sections. Committee members agreed that information contained in preambles provides important contextual purpose to the Ordinance. Committee members stated that it would be comfortable with expanding the precatory language contained in Section D, to address instances where "personal relationships" may result in an appearance of impropriety.

Chairman Tauke thanked the Committee members for their review and consideration of these requests, and directed City Attorney Julie Tappendorf to summarize their recommendations for the City Council during the second reading of the Ordinance. No formal action was taken by the Committee on these recommendations.

5. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss executive session minutes and matters relating to pending or threatened litigation.

Alderman Rummel made a motion to enter into Executive Session, subject to 5ILCS 120/2 (11) (21), for the purposes of discussing matters of litigation that are probable, imminent or pending and to review executive session minutes as authorized by the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Member Franzen. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

*The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m.
The Committee Reconvened into Open Session at 9:14 a.m.*

6. Action on items discussed during Executive Session

a. Executive Session Minutes from the July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Member Guscott-Mueller and seconded by Member Michael to approve the executive session minutes of the July 18, 2019 regular meeting, as amended. That motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Matters

a. Review of Quarterly Legal Services Financial Report

Assistant to the City Manager Mike Strong provided an overview of the Quarterly Financial Report, and reported on modifications that were made to the report. The Committee requested information on the engagement with the Filippini Law Firm and to include a variance line item at the bottom of the report. No formal action was taken by the Committee.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, Alderman Rummel moved, seconded by Member Guscott-Mueller to adjourn, which motion passed unanimously by a voice vote at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Strong, Assistant to the City Manager