

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 21, 2020

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## Call to Order

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Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 2:52 p.m. in the J.B. Collins conference room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr. and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Ken Smith. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present.

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## Purpose for Meeting

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Vice-Chairman Henderson reminded the Council that this meeting was convened to consider the meeting frequency of the Council's weekly Strategic Planning.

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## Council Discussion

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A discussion ensued that included the following:

- Councilwoman Berz spoke on the purpose of the Strategic Planning meetings, the benefits meeting weekly (educational sessions), and the disadvantages of not meeting on a weekly basis (public interaction).
  - Councilman Byrd agreed with Councilwoman Berz on keeping the weekly schedule and spoke on the benefits as a councilperson for attending the weekly meeting.
  - Councilwoman Coonrod spoke on the history of Strategic Planning meetings and recommended changing Strategic Planning to a biweekly schedule. She recommended that all matters currently in Strategic Planning could be covered at the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session, Attorney-Client meeting, or via email.
  - Councilman Smith agreed with Councilwoman Coonrod on why biweekly meetings would work, but would have no problem keeping the weekly schedule if the Council so chose. He asked the Council to be cognizant of Staff's time in the decision about the meeting frequency.
  - Attorney Noblett read the Council's Rule of Procedures 3(a)1 of Resolution 30122 that establishes the 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning meetings and clarified that the Rules of Procedure would need to be changed if the meeting frequency changes.
  - Councilman Ledford requested a mechanism to notify councilpersons of an on/off week if the meetings are changed to a biweekly basis.
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## Adjournment

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Due to a lack of time, Vice-Chairman Oglesby scheduled a follow-up meeting on next Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the same location as today's meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.