LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 27, 2021

Call to Order

Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the in-person and electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:24 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Other panelists present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (March 30, 2021) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Economic & Community Development: Travis Kazmierzak, Director of Open Spaces, and Akousa Cook, Senior Planner; Design Workshop: Kurt Culbertson, Chairman/CEO; Police: David Roddy, Chief

Juneteenth Ordinance

Councilwoman Coonrod updated the Council on this ordinance. Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Goldberg about how an additional holiday would affect the pay structure. Vice-Chairman Smith asked that the item be moved to the two-week agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Parks Master Plan Resolution

Mr. Kazmierzak introduced Ms. Cook and Mr. Culbertson, who gave a presentation on the Parks & Greenways Master Plan resolution that covered the following:

- Team Organization
- Our Strategic Approach
- Connecting Neighborhoods
- Development Patterns
- Natural Assets and Constraints
- Health Needs
- Our Approach
- Equity Mapping
- Equitable Access
- Green Infrastructure and Parks
- Who are we planning for

- Speak to everyone: Equity through Outreach
- Transparent
- SWOT Analysis
- Benchmarking Analysis
- Staffing Recommendations
- Recommended vs. Current Field use
- Diversifying Revenue Sources
- Neighborhood Parks
- Align Plan with Funding
- Proposed Schedule

A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Trust Republic Plan (Councilman Ledford)
- Design Phase Process (Councilman Ledford)
- Tabling of Park Plan (Councilwoman Berz)
- Process of Approval (Councilwoman Berz)
- Budget Amount (Councilwoman Berz)
- Auxiliary Cost (Councilwoman Berz)
- Updates on Lindberg Park (Councilman Byrd)
- Use of our own talents (Councilwoman Berz)
- Hard to reach groups (Councilwoman Hill)
- All Districts (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Community engagement (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Timing (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Format for resolution (Vice-Chairman Smith)

Councilman Ledford inquired about the procedure expected at the Council Meeting for this item that had been previously tabled. Chairman Henderson responded on the process. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Revisions to EIG

Mr. Goldberg updated the Council on the Rehire and Reinstatement provisions currently in the EIG and the need to make changes for all employees, but specifically to sworn officers. Vice-Chairman Smith inquired about the difference between "reinstate" and "rehire." Councilman Ledford asked Chief Roddy about training that may come up during this time frame and Councilman Byrd inquired about background checks. Vice Chairman Smith requested that this item be placed on the two agenda, May 11th. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the need for a discussion of the implementation of the pay study. Vice-Chairman Smith deferred to Chairman Henderson, who affirmed that the discussion will take place during a Budget and Finance Committee. Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Thongnopnua to revisit this presentation and bring it before Council as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Coonrod requested a Public Safety Committee meeting for the discussion of License Plate Readers, to which Councilman Byrd agreed.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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