

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024
7:00PM

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, February 5, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of Livonia City Hall.

Committee Members Present: Brandon McCullough, Council President and Chair
Martha Ptashnik, Council Vice President
Carrie Budzinski
Rob Gjonaj Donovic
Jim Jolly
Scott Morgan

Committee Members Absent: Laura M Toy

City Officials Present: Paul Bernier, City Attorney
Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Dev. Director
Jerome Hanna, Director of Inspection

Additional attendees: See attached.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CR 03-24 The subject matter of a proposed amendment to the Livonia Code of Ordinances amending the ordinance so that the Council Administrator would report to and be under the direction of the City Council rather than the City Clerk. |
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The meeting convened at 7:05 PM

The meeting was led by Council President Brandon McCullough.

Councilmember Donovic made a motion to change the ordinance to allow the Council Administrator to report directly to The City Council President, rather than City Clerk.

Dialogue continued with the City Attorney about the process of making the changes.

The Council President stated that he supports the motion.

Councilmember Donovic modified his motion to ask the Law Department to draft an ordinance to change the Council Administrator to report to the City Council President.

The Committee recommends:

1. For the Law Department to prepare an amendment to the ordinance to change the Council Administrator to report to the City Council President.

Note: This item will be out of Committee.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of February 28, 2024**

2. CR 198-21 The subject matter of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Councilmembers.
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The meeting was led by Council President Brandon McCullough who provided background on the subject matter. To date, there is no process for City Council to appoint members to the ZBA. In years past, this did provide issues and the goal is to enact a policy.

Councilmember Jolly had a brief discussion with the City Attorney about ways to craft the motion.

Councilmember Jolly proposed that the appointment order would go by tenure, then recent election finish.

The Committee recommends:

1. For the Law Department to prepare a resolution regarding the ZBA appointment order to go first by tenure, then recent election finish.

Note: This item will be out of Committee.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of February 28, 2024**

3. CR 154-21 The subject matter of residential blight.

Inspection Director, Jerome Hanna, gave an update on the subject matter. The Administration is still working to get a report back to Council.

The Committee recommends:

1. To keep this item in Committee.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

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4. CR 130-23 The subject matter of the vacant and abandoned fee schedule.
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Inspection Director, Jerome Hanna, gave an update on the subject matter. The Administration is still working to get a report back to Council.

The Committee recommends:

1. To keep this item in Committee.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

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5. CR 05-24 The subject matter of raising residential chickens within the City.
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Councilmember Budzinski gave background on the subject matter. She provided examples of communities that have a similar ordinance in place.

Vice President Ptashnik spoke specifically in reference to limits on chickens, structures, and permitting.

Several residents spoke on behalf of this subject matter.

Councilmember Morgan voiced that he is open to the idea, just would like to proceed with caution.

The Committee recommends:

1. To keep this item in Committee.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

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6. **CR 06-24** The subject matter of restricting gas stations to two (2) at any intersection.

Councilmember Donovic provided background on this subject matter to limit the number of gas stations to (2) two at intersections within the city.

Councilmember Donovic made a motion for law to draft an ordinance to limit intersections to (2) gas stations.

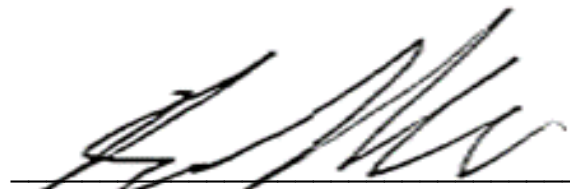
The Committee recommends:

1. For the Law Department to draft an ordinance to limit intersections to (2) gas stations.

Note: This item will be out of Committee.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.



Brandon McCullough, Council President