

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13TH, 2020
5:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell motioned to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Second Reading of Amendment to Ordinance Reading Process**
Discussed at previous meetings, this change would decrease the number of readings required to pass an ordinance if a vote is unanimous.

Commissioner Shortell wanted to clarify this would reduce the readings from three to two. Furthermore, only one reading would be required if the vote to pass the ordinance was unanimous. City Manager Bryant explained that since this amendment will change the city's charter, the process for passage was different than simply passing an ordinance. He touched on the number of meetings before then where the public could weigh in. Commissioner Merriam felt like the BOMC was already taking steps to be more efficient by changing the meeting schedule. She was also concerned that it could take time to understand all the implications of passing any given ordinance. Commissioner Laratte asked how this amendment could be reversed should it pass and found to be problematic. City Attorney Quinn said it would be the same process they're currently going through. Mr. Laratte said this process was not as cumbersome as he'd expected so that allows some flexibility, as does the

amendment itself. Mayor reiterated that the BOMC can slow down the process of passing an ordinance but currently there is no way to speed up the process.

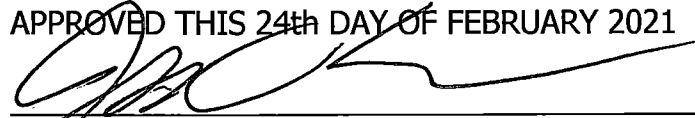
Item #4 Public Comment

Jan Hover spoke in opposition to the amendment. Commissioner Shortell responded to Ms. Hover's concerns about timeframes. City Manager Bryant and City Attorney Quinn also provided explanations.

Item #5 Adjournment

Commissioner Laratte motioned to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk