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Health and Public Safety/

Residential Neighborhoods

August 08, 2022, 4:45 P.M. (Agenda states 3:50pm)

Committee Members Present:

Sheila Niezgodski, Eli Wax, Troy Warner, Karen White, Canneth Lee, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Henry Davis Jr.

Citizen Members Present:

Desmont Upchurch

Citizen Members Absent:

Amika Micou

Other Council Present:

Lori Hamann

Others Present:

Dawn Jones, Victoria Trujillo, Bob Palmer

Presenters:

Agenda:

Bill No. 16-22 – Amending Chapter 19, Article 1. Division 2- Tree Removal Ordinance

Bill No. 17-22- Amending Chapter 16, Article 8- Weeds and Bank Vegetation

Full audio dialogue of the meeting is available upon request from the City Clerk's Office.

Committee Chair Eli Wax called to order the Health & Public Safety/ Residential Neighborhood joint meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Committee Chair Wax stated Bill No. 16-22 and 17-22 were tabled and continued three times previously. Wax requested the presenter.

Committee Member Henry Davis Jr. requested a two-week continuation for Bill No. 16-22 and 17-22 due to a lack of response from City Legal, Ms. Kennedy.

Committee Member Davis made a motion to table Bill No. 16-22 until August 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Troy Warner which was carried by a vote of five (5) ayes against three (3) nays (Eli Wax, Rachel Tomas Morgan, and Sheila Niezgodski voted nay).

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Committee Member Davis motions to table Bill No. 17-22 until August 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Warner which was carried by a vote of five (5) ayes against three (3) nays (Eli Wax, Rachel Tomas Morgan, and Sheila Niezgodski voted nay).

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Committee Chair Wax stated Bill No. 17-22 is tabled until August 22, 2022.

Committee Member Niezgodski clarified her 'nay' to the meeting being tabled until August 22nd due to Committee Member Davis promising at the last meeting that the presentation will be brought forth. Niezgodski stated that a news reporter on July 27th reported the two bills are not going forth due to the Council. Niezgodski stated for the record that the bills are being postponed due to legal and not due to the Council. Niezgodski stated that if the presentation for the bills is not done at the next meeting, then it should be tabled indefinitely due to the confusion of the bills to the public and that she doesn't want the public to think the Councilmembers are not supporting the bills. Niezgodski stated the bill should be tabled to a more realistic date in the future.

Caleb Bauer, Acting Executive Director of Community Investment, offices located on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated he had met with Councilmember Davis and Hamann about Bill No 16-22 and 17-22 and the concerns were about the language that was proposed in the bills. Bauer stated alternatives are being worked out regarding constitutional questions being raised. Bauer stated that he cannot say alternative language will be ready by next the next committee meeting, but they are working on it.

With no further business, Committee Chair Wax adjourned the Joint Health and Public Safety/Residential Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eli Wax, Committee Chair- Health and Public Safety

Karen White, Committee Chair- Residential Neighborhoods