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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, August 28, 2023

4:15 PM

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room

Council Policy Agenda Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eyer called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Song, and Councilmember Watson

Members absent: Councilmember Radina

Guest in attendance: Andrea Cascarilla and Andy Buczek of Dykema Gossett PLLC, and a caller by phone

Staff in attendance: Deputy City Administrator John Fournier, City Attorney Atleen Kaur, and Executive Assistant Kelly Reynolds who recorded these minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Watson moved and Councilmember Song seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously with a show of hands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Song moved and Councilmember Watson seconded to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Council Policy Agenda Committee. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

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NEW BUSINESS

1 Legislative update

Deputy City Administrator John Fournier and Ms. Cascarilla provided a legislative update about legislative activity at the state and federal levels. The Governor will be speaking on Wednesday, August 30 about her fall priorities.

2 Funding request strategy

Deputy City Administrator Fournier remarked that the results of the federal earmark requests had not been successful and staff is working with Dykema Gossett to coordinate a improved strategy for future funding requests.

3 Legislative event

Mr. Fournier informed the group that staff is working to coordinate a legislative breakfast event. The event will be coordinated around the schedules of elected officials. Details will be forthcoming.

4 Driving Equity Ordinance

Councilmember Harrison introduced and explained the Driving Equity Ordinance recently passed by City Council to Ms. Cascarilla. She reiterated the importance of this work and asked Ms. Cascarilla to assist with advancing efforts for a similar statewide policy or regulation. The group agreed with this effort.

5 Non-motorized safe crossings on the Amtrak Michigan Line

Mr. Fournier indicated that the Michigan Department of Transportation had recently heard public comment about the safety of non-motorized crossings on the Amtrak Michigan Line. The City will prepare a letter to MDOT formally stating its opinion about the necessity of safe crossings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS****PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Watson moved and Councilmember Song seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved with a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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