

**MINUTES OF THE RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE
EAST CONFERENCE ROOM
February 18, 2020**

Present: President O’Malley, Councilmembers Shachner & Neff

Also Present: Councilmember Rader, Ms. Sarah Kepple, Law Director Corrigan, Clerk Bach taking minutes

Call to Order: 6:48 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 Rules & Ordinances Committee.

All members voted yea. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 01-2020 - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to amend the title of certain Council Committees.

President O’Malley introduced Ord. 01-2020 which he proposed. He proposed to change the title of the Housing Committee to the Housing, Planning & Development Committee and to change the title of the Public Works Committee to the Public Works & Sustainability Committee.

Regarding the change from Housing to Housing, Planning & Development, President O’Malley remarked that his intention is to give a “home” to economic development issues, which does not currently have a designated committee. He pointed out that Council will still have discretion to refer any major economic development issue to Committee of the Whole and furthermore, all members are welcome to attend all committees.

Regarding the change from Public Works to Public Works & Sustainability, President O’Malley remarked on the importance of codifying the City’s commitment to sustainability. He noted that many other cities such as Cleveland and Fairview Park have committees related to sustainability.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of changing the title of the Public Works Committee to Public Works and Environmental Sustainability instead of Public Works and Sustainability and ultimately decided to leave it as proposed.

The Committee discussed its preferred use of punctuation and capitalization and agreed that these changes would be made in the final version. Law Director Corrigan agreed that a substitute version was not necessary to make these changes.

Jason – want to clarify to name it environmental sustainability to clarify what we’re talking about.

Councilmember Rader expressed support for the changes to the committee titles, noting that it will give a “home” to sustainability and economic development topics.

Although Council is entitled to create ad-hoc committees, the Committee agreed on the value of making this a permanent change.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Ordinance 01-2020 to Council. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 01-2020 recommended for adoption.

All members voted in favor.

Rules & Ordinances Committee adjourned at 6:58 p.m.