

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 15, 2020

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:25pm.
2. Vice-President McMenimen requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and Vice-President McMenimen were present.
3. A motion by President Brasco to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 1, 2020 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting were accepted.
4. A resolution was submitted by Councillors Mackin, Durkee and Paz concerning the paper packets of docket information for Councillors. Councillor Mackin moved to hear from the City Clerk, Robert Waddick. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Mackin asked several questions of Clerk Waddick about the preparation of the docket process and the ability of the Clerk's Office to customize the packets for individual Councillors. Clerk Waddick explained the process including the time constraints to get information out in a timely manner and customizing packets could have all sorts of logistical problems. Councillor Mackin suggested undertaking a "pilot program" for the first few meetings of the fall where Councillors could "opt in or opt out" of receiving paper packets. Councillors Durkee, Paz, Harris, Vidal, McLaughlin, LaCava, President Brasco and Vice-President McMenimen all spoke about their individual experiences with paper packets. Several Councillors were in favor of keeping the paper packet method and several other Councillors were in favor of the "opt in or opt out" choice. Councillor Mackin moved to request a "pilot program" for the September 14, September 28 and October 12 meetings for Councillors to opt out of a paper packet, with Clerk Waddick to report back to the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 19 as to the impact of the "pilot program" and the feasibility of continuing it. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Mackin moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
5. A motion by President Brasco to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Vice-President McMenimen declared the Committee adjourned at 9:05pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole