

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

February 3, 2020

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:10 pm.
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 to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on January 21, 2020 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting were approved.
4. A resolution was submitted by Councillor Vidal and several other Councillors (President Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaFauci, McLaughlin, O'Brien and Stanley) pertaining to the 2020 U.S. Census. Councillor Vidal spoke briefly about the importance of the U.S. Census and stated that a representative was in attendance to address the Committee. Councillor Vidal moved to hear from U.S. Census Bureau representative Carly Bari. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Bari provided a power point presentation. Ms. Bari gave an opening statement about the reasons for the census, including it is required under the U.S. Constitution, it impacts the allocation of federal and state funds and it impacts legislative districting. Ms. Bari spoke of the manner in which the census would be conducted, the methods one could use to respond and the various phases and timetable to conduct and complete. Ms. Bari stated the importance of a community creating a Complete Count Committee (CCC). Councillors Vidal, Mackin, Harris, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Durkee and Paz asked various questions including ways to communicate, to provide awareness & outreach to the community for greater participation and response. Councillor Vidal moved to hear from the City Clerk, Robert Waddick. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. City Clerk Waddick explained the role of the Clerk's Office in the U.S. Census program. Several Councillors thanked Ms. Bari for her appearance and asked of her willingness to appear again and/or be contacted with follow up questions or concerns. Councillor Vidal moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.
5. Councillor Mackin moved to take the matter of the resolution on Council Chamber safety and security (5/14/2018) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Mackin stated that an Executive Session was held on 9/17/2018 and the minutes of that meeting had been distributed to all Councillors who were present at the Executive Session meeting. Councillor Mackin moved to request those Councillors who

were present to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Darcy, Harris, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin Stanley, Vidal and Vice President McMenimen) and none opposed. Councillor Mackin moved to send the approved minutes to the Law Department for review and opinion on the release of the approved minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Mackin moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A motion by Councillor LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:25pm.

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