

Veterans Service Committee
March 4, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairperson D. LeBlanc	Absent
Councillor McLaughlin	Present
Councillor R. LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Stanley	Present

Chairman Pro Temp Clerk Magno called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councillor Stanley made a motion to nominate Councillor McMenimen as Chairperson Pro Temp. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the January 22, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests the opportunity for the Director of Veterans Services and the Assessor to appear before the Council to update the Council on legislative updates and exemptions the BRAVE ACT has adopted.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Veterans Services Director Michael Russo and City Assessor Bernadette Vasquez appeared before the committee.

Mr. Russo stated that the City has previously accepted other Veteran exemptions. The City is looking to accept these two additional clauses;

1. Chapter 59-5-22G – Allows owner of the property to continue to get the exemption even if the property is put into a trust. As long as the Veteran continues to live at the property.
2. Chapter 59-5-22H - If the Veteran is killed in action this exemption allows the parents of the Veteran to receive this exemption as long as the parents are living in this property.

Councillor McLaughlin asked how does the City know if someone is a Veteran. Mr. Russo said some information flows from Veteran agencies but many times they get informed by the Veteran notifying them.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval on adopting the BRAVE ACT. Motion was adopted on a voice vote

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk

