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Committee's Mission Statement



To provide support to City Council in meeting its legislative responsibilities and to help improve the performance and ensure accountability in government operations.



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STAFF REPORT: January 24, 2019

The last Governmental Operations Meeting was held on November 29, 2018. The December 27, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

Presentations, Reports and Discussion Items at the November 2018 Meeting

None

Expected Presentations, Reports or Discussion Items at the January 2019 Meeting

PRESENTATIONS/Discussion Items

- None

Board Updates

The Boards and Commissions Administrator will continue to provide vacancy reports on a quarterly basis; however, additional information will be provided upon request of the committee.

Next Committee Meeting and Upcoming Topics

The next Governmental Operations meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

1. **ORD. 2018-294 (Patron: Mayor Stoney)** – To amend and reordain City Code § 4-92, concerning the keeping and running at large of hogs, pigs, and fowl, 4-124, concerning permit requirements for chickens, and 4-126, concerning requirements for the area in which female chickens are maintained, for the purpose of increasing the number of female chickens permitted in the City from four to six.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution, Background:

- **Purpose of Request:** This Ordinance would amend City Code § 4-126, for the purpose of increasing the number of female chickens permitted in the City from four to six.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- **Reason for Ordinance change:** According to the City Administration, chickens are purchased in a “clutch” which is six chicks. Thus increasing the number of allowable female chickens will allow residents to refrain from separating the “clutch”.
- A separate paper, Ord. 2018-272 has been introduced to require additional footage for the structure designed to house six chickens rather than four chickens.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal or operating impact to the City.

2. Ord.No. 2018-337 (Patron: President Hilbert) To amend and reordain City Code §§2-161, concerning employee disclosure of misconduct and protection from retaliation, and 2-163, concerning determinations regarding complaints, for the purpose of replacing references to "City Auditor" with "Inspector General".

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution, Background:

This Ordinance request is to amend and reordain City Code §§2-161, concerning employee disclosure of misconduct and protection from retaliation, and 2-163, concerning determinations regarding complaints, for the purpose of replacing references to "City Auditor" with "Inspector General".

In Sections 2-161 and 2-163, language is deleted and replaced with references to City Auditor and replaced language as Inspector General for Inspector General duties. Additionally to change language to "his" designee "to the designee thereof".

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact.

3. Ord. No. 2019-009 (Patron: Ms. Gray) – To amend and reordain City Code §§ 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, 9-68, which establishes boundary descriptions for Precinct 203, and 9-124, which assigns precincts to City Council and School Board districts; and to amend ch. 9, art. III of the City Code by adding therein a new §9.73.1, concerning the precinct boundaries for a new Precinct 215, for the purpose of establishing a new polling place and new precinct boundaries within the Second Council District.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution, Background:

This Ordinance proposed to split the Precinct 203 election polling place, located at the Hermitage Methodist Home, 1601 Palmyra Avenue and create a new polling location, Precinct 215 at the Arthur Ashe Athletic Center, located 3017 N. Boulevard. The request is made by the General Registrar due to a significant population increase of voters and activity which may impact future elections.

The dividing line of the current precinct boundaries will be Interstate 64/95 with those north of the line continuing to vote at Precinct 203, the Hermitage Methodist Home and those south of the dividing line voting at the new polling location, Precinct 215 at 3017 N. Boulevard.

Any changes to precincts must be done no later than February 1, 2019 as the General Assembly enacted legislation for a moratorium to freeze precinct changes and boundaries in preparation for the 2021 redistricting. The proposed polling place has been reviewed and deemed accessible for persons with disabilities. Upon adoption of this ordinance, all registered voters (1760 voters) affected by these changes would be notified at least two weeks before the next election.

The provided maps show existing precinct boundaries and proposed revised precinct boundaries and polling places.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- What is the fiscal impact and costs of the equipment?
- How would the Office of the General Registrar absorb the costs of the mailing and new equipment in their current budget and future budget cycles?

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of this mailing is approximately \$4,800. There will be a fiscal impact to buy new equipment for Precinct 215.

4. Ord. No. 2019-010 (Patron: Ms. Larson) – To amend and reordain City Code §§ 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, 9-86, which establishes boundary descriptions for Precinct 409, and 9-124, which assigns precincts to City Council and School Board districts; and to amend ch. 9, art. III of the City Code by adding therein a new §9.90.1, concerning the precinct boundaries for a new Precinct 415, for the purpose of establishing a new polling place and new precinct boundaries within the Fourth Council District.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution, Background:

This Ordinance proposes to split the Precinct 409 election polling place, located at J.B. Fisher School, 3701 Garden Road and create a new polling location, Precinct 415 at Christ the King Lutheran church, located 9800 W. Huguenot Road. This request was made by the General registrar due to a significant population increase of voters and activity which may impact future elections.

The dividing line of the changes to the current precinct boundaries is shown in the attached map to delineate the precinct boundaries for the existing precinct, 409 and proposed precinct 415.

As the General Assembly has enacted legislation for a moratorium to freeze precinct changes and boundaries in preparation for the 2021 redistricting, any changes to precincts must be done no later than February 1, 2019. The proposed polling place has been vetted for its accessibility for persons with disabilities. Upon adoption of this ordinance, all registered affected by these changes would be notified at least two weeks before the next election.

The provided maps show existing precinct boundaries and proposed revised precinct boundaries and polling places.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- What are the anticipated equipment costs for precinct 415?
- How would the Office of the General Registrar absorb the costs of the mailing and new equipment in their current budget and future budget cycles?

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of this mailing is approximately \$4,800. There will be a fiscal impact to buy new equipment for Precinct 415.

5. **Res. No. 2018-R104 (Patrons: Mr. Jones and Mr. Hilbert)** To support the use of construction contractors who work with local workforce development programs that work to enable residents of economically challenged minority communities to become employed, especially in construction-related fields.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution, Background:

- **Purpose of Request:** This Resolution requests Council's expressed support for utilizing contractors which partner with workforce development programs, focusing on minority participation in construction projects.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- **Reason for Proposal:**
 - o To address the misrepresentation of minority communities in valuable construction-related fields
 - o Construction jobs are a vital component to urban and minority communities.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal or operating impact to the City.