In Attendance

Councilman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Moses Freeman, Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Council members Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem and Chip Henderson. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Phil Noblett and Administrative Support Specialist Kristen Booker.

Others in Attendance

Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Public Works: Donald Stone, Deputy Administrator and Mike Patrick, Director of Waste Resources Division.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (August 16, 2016) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

This item had been discussed at previous meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

Councilman Freeman wanted to know if the pedestrian light poles were the standard light poles being used throughout the city. Mr. Bailey said they would be the same standard light poles that are currently installed around the city. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week’s Agenda:
June 6, 2016

Ordinance (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Stone to give the council some details as to what was changing. Mr. Stone explained that this ordinance would increase the size of the board by two members. Councilman Freeman asked whether either of these positions would be filled with citizens from the community. Mr. Patrick explained the two positions would be filled with community members. Upon no further questions or concerns, the issues was closed.
Resolution – Agenda Item 7C

Mr. Bailey explained why the transportation department was recommending denying the closure and abandonment of the right-of-way. Councilman Henderson had a question about why on the agenda did it had “Recommended for denial by Transportation” if they are asking for the right-of-way to be denied within the legislation. Mr. Noblett said he would fix the working of the recommendation to reflect the correct wording. Councilman Grohn asked why transportation is denying the right-of-way if there would still be access to other properties. Discussion ensued between Councilman Grohn and Mr. Bailey about the exact reason for the denial. Councilwoman Berz wanted to know if other solutions were discussed with the agent or owner. Mr. Bailey said he was unable to reach them but would continue to try to get with them to ensure their needs are met. Councilwoman Berz wanted to hear from the owner or agent prior to voting or reserved the right to ask for a deferral until such time they could appear. Upon no other questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution – Agenda Item 7G

Upon no further questions or concerns, the issues was closed.

Resolution – Agenda Item 7H

Upon no further questions or concerns, the issues was closed.

Resolution – Agenda Item 7I

Upon no further questions or concerns, the issues was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.