

**Policy Committee Meeting
September 17, 2020**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Committee Chair, Councilor John McCurry, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilors John McCurry, Jr., Norman Belanger and Doris Ortiz; Committee Members Renee O'Neil and Nathan Bean

Staff Members present: Carmen Morris, City Clerk, Roger Beaupre, Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Roby Fecteau and Planning & Development Director, Mathew Eddy

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Acceptance of Minutes: **June 25, 2020**

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-95-Four-way Stop Intersections/
Add Main Street, Lincoln & Adams Streets**

Motion by Member Bean, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to recommend the parking ordinance amendment.

Councilors McCurry and Ortiz suggested using flashing stop signs in order to make the stop intersection more visible, especially since this was never a four-way stop at this intersection, and folks will likely not pay attention to the two additional stop signs. Chief Beaupre also intends to use stop lines painted on the street and installing other signs warning drivers of the upcoming 4-way stop intersection

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-96-Three-way Stop Intersections/Add Main Street, and Alfred Street; and Sec. 42-87-Yield Signs/Delete Alfred Street at Main Street**

Motion by Member Bean, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to recommend the parking ordinance amendment.

Vote: 1/4; Member Bean in favor.

Councilors McCurry, Ortiz, Belanger and Member O'Neil opposed.

Motion fails.

Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 2, Administration/Division 12-Police Advisory Committee/Clarification Amendments**

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member O'Neil to recommend with the following amendment to the proposed ordinance language:

Sec. 2-321 (5) add: Make reports to the City Council at such times as may be requested by the City Council.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval: **Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Referral to Planning Board**

Planning & Development Director, Mat Eddy gave an overview of this item.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to make all proposed amendments to Definitions that bring the City ordinance into compliance with State Law.

Vote: 4/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.

Councilors Belanger, Ortiz and Members Bean and O'Neil in favor.

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to amend to allow Zones I1, I2 and I3 to grow adult use marijuana –

Vote: 3/2; Councilor McCurry and Member O'Neil opposed.

Councilors Belanger, Ortiz and Member Bean in favor.

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to send the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinances, Section 77 to the City Council, who in turn, will recommend consideration by the Planning Board.

Vote: 4/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.

Councilors Belanger, Ortiz and Members Bean and O'Neil in favor.

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Belanger seconded by Councilor Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 5:48 p.m.