

MEMO

Date: 05/16/2017
To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
RE: City Manager's May 16, 2017, Agenda Report

A Public Hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposal to change City Commission Elections from odd-year November elections to even-year November elections.

This is a Public Hearing to receive public comment on moving the odd-year city commission elections to the even-year general election cycle.

06-2017

An ordinance to revise Ch. 1284 "Off-Street Parking, Ingress and Egress, and Loading Requirements" that outlines off-street parking requirements and related design standards.

The City Zoning Ordinance includes regulations concerning parking, landscaping, and fencing. Despite recent revisions, staff has struggled with interpretation and administration of regulations concerning all three topics. This is an ordinance introduction to revise Ch. 1284 "Off-Street Parking, Ingress and Egress, and Loading Requirements" to address inconsistencies with other chapters, organize the ordinance into a format that makes it easier for staff and the public to understand, add diagrams to visually explain standards and allow for flexible parking development. Introduction is Recommended.

07-2017

An ordinance to adopt Chapter 1285 "Landscaping Requirements" that outlines minimal site landscaping requirements for new multi-family, office/commercial, and industrial developments.

The City Zoning Ordinance includes regulations concerning parking, landscaping, and fencing. Despite recent revisions, staff has struggled with interpretation and administration of regulations concerning all three topics. This proposed ordinance would apply to any multi-family residential complexes, office, commercial, and industrial developments where significant redevelopment of a property is being proposed and for all proposed new developments. The ordinance addresses a variety of concerns including screening, required maintenance, storm water management practices and traffic circulation. Introduction is Recommended.

08-2017

An ordinance to revise Ch. 1298 "Fences" that outlines fence requirements and standards.

The City Zoning Ordinance includes regulations concerning parking, landscaping, and fencing. Despite recent revisions, staff has struggled with interpretation and administration of regulations concerning all three topics. This ordinance introduction revises Ch. 1298 "Fences" to ensure consistency with other regulations, clarify definitions and how regulations should be applied, and eliminate to the extent possible, nonconforming situations where redevelopment would be very difficult. Introduction is Recommended.

A Resolution Adopting Ordinance No. 04-2017 amending Chapter 608, Animals.

This is a Resolution Adopting Ordinance No. 04-2017 amending Chapter 608, Animals. The amended ordinance better defines words and phrases used within the ordinance and addresses concerns with stray animals, vicious animals, and wild animals, which is very important to successful prosecution of violations. Adoption is Recommended.

A Resolution accepting the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Upgrades Project from Davis Construction, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$11,379,277.00, with unit prices prevailing.

This is a Resolution to accept the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Upgrades from Davis Construction, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$11,379,277.00, with unit prices prevailing. The Project consists of upgrades to the WWTP's Secondary System for the treatment of liquid waste to reduce electrical energy usage and process cost, improve treatment performance and the reliability of the system while continuing to meet NPDES permit requirements. Approval is Recommended.

A Resolution authorizing Fire Fighter Wayne Thompson to purchase 10 months of military time for the purpose of increasing his service credit towards retirement.

Public Act 145 of 1987, which amended Public Act 345 of 1937, allows a municipality to grant the purchase of military time for retirement purposes. This Resolution is to authorize the purchase of ten (10) months of military time for Fire Fighter Wayne Thompson to increase his service credit towards retirement. The actuarial cost of this purchase is \$20,357, with Fire Fighter Thompson's cost being \$4,310.75. Approval is Recommended

A Resolution changing the City Commission regular election from November in odd years to November in each even year commencing with the city election in November 2020.

Public Act 523 of 2012 provides that cities wishing to change their election date to the even year general election may do so by Resolution. This Resolution will change the City Commission regular election from November in odd years to November in each even year commencing with the city election in November 2020. The change to even years is expected to provide significant cost savings to the City and increase voter turnout. The regular city commission election that would have been held in November 2019 will be held in November 2020. The terms of the City Commissioners elected in November 2017 that would have otherwise expired in November 2019 will be extended until November 2020.

A Resolution setting a Closed Session on a labor matter on May 16, 2017.

This Resolution sets a Closed Session on May 16, 2017, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as requested by the City. Approval is Recommended.

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Battle Creek and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 335, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Battle Creek and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 335, for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020. Approval is Recommended