

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL

232nd Regular Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

John Zon Community Center/Zoom Hybrid

Council Vote Summary

WEBSITE VERSION

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 23-020

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 22-155 "\$175,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FUND 8400 GENERAL STABILIZATION TO FUND AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT / AUDIT OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD'S POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STRUCTURE, POLICIES AND PRACTICES. AREAS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE; OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; DEPARTMENT CULTURE; HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PRACTICES; PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY; BUDGETING AND PLANNING" WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE JULY 20, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Order no. FY 22-155

TABLED: THE SUM OF \$175,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FUND 8400 GENERAL STABILIZATION TO FUND AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT / AUDIT OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD'S POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STRUCTURE, POLICIES AND PRACTICES. AREAS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE; OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; DEPARTMENT CULTURE; HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PRACTICES; PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY; BUDGETING AND PLANNING"

Order no. FY 23-018

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: MECKENZIE SARAGE, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025.

Order no. FY 23-005

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was by roll call, 11 yes, 0 no,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-1, RULE 1, ORGANIZATION, SECTION A: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, AS FOLLOWS:

A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The City Council shall meet for organization ~~annually on the first business day~~ in January following the regular City elections. ~~This organizational meeting shall be held~~ before the regular City Council meeting.

(Charter 8.8: (a))

Order no. FY 23-006

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was by majority, 10 yes, 1 no, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-1, RULE 1, ORGANIZATION, SECTION C: ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AS FOLLOWS:

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The City Council shall by majority vote of all the members present, elect a President **and** Vice-President, ~~Treasurer~~ and any other officers deemed necessary. (Charter 8.8: (c))

Order no. FY 23-007

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was by roll call, 9 yes, 1 no,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-1, RULE 1, ORGANIZATION, BY ADDING NEW SECTION F: COUNCIL ORIENTATION AS FOLLOWS:

§ 565-1. Rule 1, Organization.

F. COUNCIL ORIENTATION

All Councilors should have a one (1) hour orientation with the Clerk's Office and a one (1) hour orientation with the Financial Director or their designee. One hour should be the minimum required for each of the two meetings and should occur by February 15th annually at the latest.

Order no. FY 23-008

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-2, RULE 2, MEETINGS, SECTION D: QUORUM, TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN BOLD:

D QUORUM

The presence of seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Affirmative Vote of a majority vote of those present shall be required to adopt any ordinance or appropriation order unless otherwise provided by general law or by Charter **Section 2-6(b)**.

Order no. FY 23-010

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-4, RULE 4, VOTING, SECTION B: VOTE, TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN BOLD:

B. VOTE

Every Councilor present when the question is put shall vote yes, no, or abstain; **with the exception of the President or Presiding Officer, who may vote on any item they so choose to or when required to break a tie vote.**

Order no. FY 23-011

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-7, RULE 7, DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL, SECTION F: FILING OF PAPERS, AS FOLLOWS WITH STRIKETHROUGH LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED AND BOLD LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED:

F. FILING OF PAPERS

Any order or resolution or other form of business to be presented to the City Council at its regular meeting for its action shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Council no later than ~~12:00 noon of the Wednesday~~ **five (5) business days** preceding the regular Council meetings. **monthly Committee Chairs meeting.**

Order no. FY 23-012

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-7, RULE 7, DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL, SECTION G: FILING FOR COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS, WITH STRIKETHROUGH LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED AND BOLD LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED:

G: FILING FOR COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS

All documentation for City Council Committees shall be submitted ~~one (1) week in advance of Committee meetings, except for Public Hearing notices which should be submitted twelve (12) days before the hearing date.~~ **in the same manner as listed in Section F.**

Order no. FY 23-014

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-8, RULE 8, ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS, SECTION A: AGENDA, SUBSECTION (3) TO REPLACE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH NEW LANGUAGE IN BOLD AS FOLLOWS:

~~(3) At each full meeting of the City Council a Councilor designated by the President of the Council shall have the opportunity to invite a person or group of people to lead the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance (voluntary) in A.(1)(3). No Councilor shall be required to make such an invitation or participate in the Pledge of Allegiance notwithstanding that they have made such an invitation. The inviting Councilor shall be provided the opportunity to introduce the invited guest(s). The President shall produce a schedule of Councilor designated meetings within the 1st week of January of each year, providing that no Councilor is given more than one invitation. The President shall be able* at their discretion provide such an invitation when other Councilors decline to participate or at Special meetings of the Council as they see fit.~~
During the time of meeting, the City Council shall, at ninety (90) minutes intervals, be scheduled to take a five (5) minute recess. The recess shall be held after the question has been addressed and voted on.

Order no. FY 23-015

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-8, RULE 8, ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS, SECTION D: ITEMS REFERRED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, SUBSECTION (2) (E), TO REMOVE LANGUAGE WITH STRIKETHROUGH AND ADD LANGUAGE IN BOLD AS FOLLOWS:

~~(e) The Clerk of the Council will keep a list of pending matters which will be furnished to the Councilors monthly.~~ **by way of the Committee Chairs Agenda.**

Order no. FY 23-021

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-9, RULE 9, COMMITTEES, SECTION B: COMPOSITION-CHARGE, SUBSECTION (1): WAYS AND MEANS, TO REMOVE LANGUAGE WITH STRIKETHROUGH AND ADD LANGUAGE IN BOLD AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Ways and Means Committee

To consist of five (5) members of the Council to deal with all matters ~~that pertains~~ **pertaining** to expenditures, ~~and matters pertaining to budget,~~ **tax classification and other financial issues.**

The Ways and Means Committee shall hold all public hearings on the above matters, unless otherwise provided for.

Order no. FY 23-022

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was by roll call, 11 yes, 0 no, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-9, RULE 9, COMMITTEES, SECTION B: COMPOSITION-CHARGE, SUBSECTION (4): COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION, TO REMOVE LANGUAGE WITH STRIKETHROUGH AND ADD LANGUAGE IN BOLD AS FOLLOWS.

(4) Community Relations ~~and Education~~ Committee

To consist of five (5) members of the Council to act as liaisons between City departments, commissions, and boards with a focus on quality of life issues in Greenfield. The Community Relations ~~and Education~~ Committee will also provide a regular venue during meetings for communications with ~~the School~~ **City** Departments on cultural and social aspects within the ~~schools~~ **City**. The Community Relations ~~and Education~~ Committee shall promote on-going communication between residents and City government, encourage resident participation in City meetings, **discuss proposed Resolutions**, and provide forums, ~~both in-person and electronic~~, for interaction between Council members and the public.

Order no. FY 23-023

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE §565-12, RULE 12, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, SECTION A: CONDUCT, SUBSECTION (1), TO REPLACE LANGUAGE WITH STRIKETHROUGH TO LANGUAGE IN BOLD AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Any citizen or petitioner shall be limited to ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** minutes or another amount of time at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was by roll call, 9 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions,

VOTED: TO CENSURE COUNCILOR LAPIENSKI IMMEDIATELY WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THIS CONDUCT WILL CEASE.