

**Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Kirkner, Ms. Burckley, and Mr. Ewald
Staff: Mr. Krack and Mr. Boelker

I. Call to Order at 6:03 pm.

II. Public Participation

Skye McCarron read a statement regarding Polyfluoroalkyl Substances PFAS (also known as forever chemicals) that are in paper straws and other paper products. She asked that Council not move the plastic bag ordinance forward.

Becky McCarron expressed her concerns about forever chemicals and asked that Council not move the plastic bag ordinance forward.

Sally Doyle from the Green Team (ReReRe) supports the ordinance and asked Council to move it forward.

Jane Dugdale from the Green Team (ReReRe) supports the ordinance and asked Council to move it forward.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Mr. Kirkner reported that he received numerous calls from residents regarding the parents of students at Renaissance Academy were block Fillmore Street and causing serious traffic problems.

Ms. Burckley stated that this issue came up in the PPS Committee and Lieutenant Nemic has been communicating with the staff at the school. While the Police Department has made several recommendations, the school has not acted on any of them at this time.

Mr. Krack stated that it may come to the point where Council has to pass an Ordinance restricting the drop off and pick up of students on Fillmore Street which would allow the Police Department to issue citations for the violation.

IV. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise an Ordinance Redistricting of Wards/Precincts.

Mr. Krack provided background on the proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. Motion passed 3-0.

- B. Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise an Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. Motion passed 3-0.

- C. Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise an Ordinance changing the name of a Borough Street.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. Motion passed 3-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Health and Safety, by adding a new Part 5 Plastics.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise the Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

On the Question. Mr. Kirkner raised concerns regarding the forever chemicals. He also had questions regarding whether certain language regarding charging for bags. He suggested more review of the ordinance.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to Table. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

- E. Consider the Sign Request for 319 Emmett Street.

Mr. Krack provided background on the request.

Committee members discussed the issues relating to whether approving this request would lead to additional requests thereby virtually eliminating parking on the entire street.

No action was taken resulting in a deemed denial of the request.

- F. Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize the submission of a Letter of Intent to DCED to participate in the formation of a Council of Governments.

Mr. Krack provided background on the Letter of Intent.

Mr. Ewald noted that this has been a topic of discussion for the past several years and thought it would be a good idea to submit the letter.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the submission of the Letter. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

V. Current Focus Business

- A. Discussion regarding Zoom Meetings in 2024. Nothing new to Report
- B. Enforcement of bans on reproductive health services. Nothing new to Report
- C. Parking. Nothing new to Report.

VI Adjournment 6:48 pm by Mr. Ewald

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm.