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**Council Work Session Minutes
B&C Reform**

**Monday, March 18, 2019
6:30 p.m., Community Auditorium**

***Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.
Council approved minutes as presented April 22, 2019.***

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Peter Truax called the Work Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT: Thomas Johnston, Council President; Timothy Rippe; Ronald Thompson; Elena Uhing; Adolph “Val” Valfre; Malynda Wenzl; and Mayor Peter Truax.

STAFF PRESENT: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director (in the audience); and Bev Maughan, Executive Assistant to City Manager. **STAFF ABSENT:** Anna Ruggles, City Recorder, excused.

2. WORK SESSION: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (B/C) REFORM

VanderZanden facilitated the above-noted Council work session, noting the purpose of the work session was to review the Boards/Commissions (B/C) comments and to consider potential Council Rule changes. VanderZanden reported the Council Subcommittee, consisting of Council President Johnston, Councilor Rippe and Councilor Wenzl, advanced numerous proposals which were the subject of Council work sessions held on September 24, October 8 and October 22, 2018. VanderZanden advised the Council consensus was to seek feedback on the potential Council Rule changes from all the B/C, noting to facilitate obtaining all the B/C feedback, staff held an informational meeting for all B/C on November 19, 2018, which was well attended. VanderZanden presented a PowerPoint presentation overview of the amalgamated B/C comments and potential Council Rule changes, noting all B/C considered the potential changes at their December, January and/or February meetings, of which five, including Economic Development Commission, Historic Landmarks Board, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Arts Commission, of the 11 B/C submitted formal comments for Council consideration.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued as the Council had an opportunity to review the B/C comments and suggested changes (total of five). VanderZanden advised the specific language that the B/C comment pertains to is shown below and is the focus of the language changes if Council desires.

- 1) *Revise proposed Council Rule 14.3, Membership Qualifications, to limit student*

participation to juniors and seniors;

After brief discussion, Council collectively concurred to not revise; thereby, retaining to allow all high school grade levels to serve as student members.

2) *Revise proposed Council Rule 14.4, Composition, to no longer limit the size of a B/C to nine members;*

After brief discussion, Council collectively concurred to not revise; thereby, recognizing that as proposed the rule already allows Council to approve more than nine members on a Board or Commission if necessary.

Due to the time, VanderZanden advised staff will schedule a Council follow-up work session to conclude the discussion and review of 14.6, Terms of Officers, 14.9, Staff Liaisons, and 14.10, Appointments and Reappointments. VanderZanden also advised the following discussion items require further Council discussion:

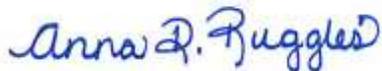
- Whether to create a separate Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, add URA responsibilities to the Economic Development Commission, or neither.
- The purpose and scope of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.
- The role of the Public Arts Commission in a public art program.
- The Annual B/C Dinner Format.

Council took no formal action nor made any formal decisions during the work session.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Truax adjourned the Council work session at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder