CHARTER + ORDINANCE

CHAIR DAVE ALLAIRE

6/9/15 TUES

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5:30 DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: ALD. ALLAIRE, DAVIS, BLOOMER, DONAHUE, NOTTE

CITY ATTY. ROMEO

THE ISSUE REFERRED WAS TO REVIEW OUR CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE, IN PARTICULAR 453, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, SUB. (10).

THIS REFERRAL WAS MADE AFTER OUR DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF JIM MILES, AND THE FACT THAT HE WOULD BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SUPERVISING HIS OLDER BROTHER BUDDY AT THE FIRE DEPT.

ALDERMAN BLOOMER AND THE CHAIR BOTH REACHED OUT TO THE LEAGUE OF CITIES + TOWNS, WITH HOPE OF RECEIVING SOME SORT OF GUIDANCE OR A MODEL ORDINANCE TO HELP IN OUR DELIBERATIONS. THAT MODEL IS CURRENTLY BEING WORKED ON BY THE LEAGUE AS A DUE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

SOME OF THE ISSUES BROUGHT UP IN DISCUSSION.

— Is there a difference dealing with Public Safety Departments in Municipal Govts, ~~etc~~ vs. other Departments.

— An area of concern is not only conflicts of interest but an appearance of conflicts of interest

— Can our ordinance language be tightened up as the consensus seems that it is written very loosely and subject to interpretation

— Finally, as you know Human Resources Comm. is updating the Employee Handbook. Could this be a good time to bring in Human Resources Director to look at the whole Code of Ethics Ordinance, and make sure any changes are in sync with any changes made to the Employee Handbook, and are up to date with best practices?

— The consensus to that question was yes and resulted in this motion

— To refer the entire Code of Ethics, Chapter 4, for review, tighten up the language and bring the ordinance up to existing 2015 practices and I so move.