



**MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
LEGISLATION AND CODES
7/6/2020**

City Hall – Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

1. Roll Call

Members present: Daniels (chair), Schaber, Thomas

With a quorum present, Daniels called meeting to order at 7:20PM.

2. Minutes

Thomas made a motion to approve; Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Thomas; Nays -- none

Minutes of 06/01/2020 approved (3-0)

3. New Business:

Item 1. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO ON EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Schertzer said that this resolution has been prompted due to social unrest going on throughout country and is a timely resolution. He has become aware of another piece of legislation proposed by other council members and apologized for the duplication. He believes that this piece of legislation is more inclusive, covers all the departments within the city government of Marion, and is modeled after a similar item passed by the Marion City School Board. It is also applicable to some issues that were taken up by the Marion Public Health Department. He has sent it out to a number of people for recommendations. It has been sent to some members of the Marion Minority Commission for comments and input. All suggestions have been incorporated into the document presented.

Daniels stated that there is a second resolution that did not reach him before the legislation from Mayor Schertzer. Mayor has been working on this for a couple of weeks with Law Director Russell. He did not want to have a competing motion on the agenda.

Daniels asked that Neff and Feliciano forward their legislation to the Marion Minority Commission for input.

Thomas made a motion to approve; Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Thomas; Nays -- none

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

4. Items not on the agenda

Mr. Feliciano stated that he had prepared another piece of legislation and he would like City Council to look over. He agreed to send to Daniels. His is “affirming that the city council community free from violence and racism”. We as city council would support the police department and our community on this problem. He asked that Daniels review it and let him know what he thinks. It does not conflict with what the Mayor’s resolution contains. Daniels repeated that he already had the Mayor’s prior to receiving the Feliciano/Neff resolution. He believes that all are in accordance with the spirit of what we are trying to do. Daniels would like to have a heads up on anything that will come to this committee. He did not know this was coming. We need better communication. He did not know this one was coming until after he received Mayor’s. If you want to bring it to a vote, three members could bring it forward in a council meeting. It is his position that the Mayor’s resolution is more encompassing and supports the spirit of Feliciano’s. It speaks for all of us.

Neff said that this was sent to clerk on 06/12 and completely rewritten on 06/14. Clerk said she would pass it on to Daniels. He wanted this on record. He believes that they are two totally different resolutions and he would like to see this on the agenda for Monday. He will get another council person so that they can add it to the agenda.

Tara Dyer (N. Grand) indicated that there is some type of meeting coming up. She would be interested in seeing the Neff/Feliciano resolution. She would like to see something that has some teeth.

The Clerk confirmed that the proposed legislation from Neff/Feliciano was received by her and had been forwarded to Daniels. She was not aware that the Mayor and Daniels had something they were already working on and had committed to putting on the agenda. She encouraged people to be inclusive and talk to each other to make the process smoother and to avoid confusion. Neff said that he wanted it on record that he sent it to the Police Chief on 06/14 and that Chief had cc’d the Mayor. Neff was not aware that he would not be on the agenda until 06/26. He just wanted to be sure all that information is out there. Daniels asked if Neff had contacted the committee chair about the proposed resolution. Neff said absolutely not because he was waiting on the clerk and the Law Director to tell him what committee it would go to.

There being no further business to come before this committee, the chair adjourned the meeting a 7:32 PM.

Josh Daniels, Chair

Tarina R. Rose, Council Clerk