

RULES COMMITTEE
Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room

Mayor Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fischer, Mayor Pro Tem Casey, Council Member Staudt

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, City Manager
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney
Jeff Muck, Director of PRCS
Kit Kieser, OAS Manager
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was unanimously approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2024.

RCM 24-10-05 VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Rules Committee meeting minutes from April 8, 2024.

2. Consideration of amending Council Organization Rules and Order of Business

Mayor Pro Tem Casey said they were there to talk about the recommendation from the Older Adult Needs Committee to form an Older Adults Advocacy Commission. They would need to determine what the charge would be as well as a name. Director Muck said the current Older Adults Advisory Board meets every 2 months. They are appointed by the PRCS staff and it has been difficult to recruit active members. He added that there aren't specific qualifications for members.

Mayor Fischer said this would move the board to be a Council appointed commission and asked how the Older Adult Needs Committee saw the scope of the board changing. Mayor Pro Tem Casey said she wasn't sure that it would change. Director Muck said members who are actively engaged would need to be a priority. The current Older Adults Advisory Board has mainly been functioning as a sounding board for staff. Mayor Pro Tem Casey said some members of the Board felt the scope has changed, but she didn't think so when you look at the resolution. They have just lessened what they do.

Mayor Pro Tem Casey said the recommendation from the OAN Committee was to also try and encourage some level of engagement. If it is a Council appointed commission, there would be an expectation on the members of what they will be tasked with and to be engaged. There is a belief that as we see the population grow, they make sure Council indicates they have an interest in older adults and getting their needs met. Director Muck asked what the makeup of the commission would be and said it might be worth it to not limit it to just Novi residents, but people who work in Novi because they might get a better pool of candidates. Mayor Fischer suggested if it becomes a

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commission of 7 people, have 2 members of the PRCS Commission be on it. OAS Manager Kieser said there was also discussion of putting a member from another commission on it to address things more globally, like someone from Planning. Mayor Pro Tem Casey said another idea was to have this commission present to other boards and commissions. They want to look at trends and what's happening in the community.

Mayor Fischer said they need the framework to decide what this looks like. Director Muck said they need to consider the pace of the meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Casey said quarterly meetings as that makes it easier to find people who want to be engaged.

Member Staudt said they were talking about creating something that staff isn't recommending. It takes up a lot of their time. He said they don't have interested people at this point, and they need a better strategic plan. He said he would support this if the current members were interested in transitioning and being active members. He said they need to recruit people first and then talk about creating a commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Casey said they should see what Parks wants to see in this commission. Mayor Fischer said he was all for getting a voice for what seniors need, but he didn't love the recommendations from the OAN Committee. He said they need to get some ideas from Parks staff and hear constructive feedback to create something worthwhile. He recommended having 2 PRCS Commissioners leading this group. Member Staudt said that is overlapping the responsibility of longstanding PRCS Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Casey said they need to make sure the commission has active members on it. To find those people, they need a clear understanding of what the commission would do. Mayor Fischer said Parks staff can take these comments and bring back a recommendation, or multiple options for concrete framework so they can have constructive dialogue.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Recorded by: Cortney Hanson, City Clerk