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COUNCIL AT LARGE-MARTIN HEBERLIN  
COUNCIL AT LARGE- PHIL VAN TREUREN

COUNCIL WARD ONE-BRIAN DEMBINSKI  
COUNCIL WARD TWO-ED COWGER  
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### THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

Minutes of the Special Ordinance Committee Meeting held July 13, 2020 at 6:55 P.M. Present were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling. Also present were Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Council Clerk Sivinski.

A-20-26 A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of Amherst the question of whether City of Amherst, Ohio Codified Ordinance §121 should be amended to reflect that City Council President be elected and serve four year staggered terms commencing January 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janik spoke to this and said it accompanies the ordinances we talked about last week; the staggered terms for the council members. This would align the Council President position as well. This would allow the continuity to stay pretty consistent. This position is a very important position as a four year term as well. This will give them enough time to get to know the council members as well; become familiar with the Robert's Rules Of Order; keep the committee assignments fluid.

Mr. Van Treuren agreed with Mr. Janik and said it would be silly to have council as four year terms and the president as a two year term. It's easier for a member of council as opposed to the council president who have to really understand what they are doing. It's better that they are not interrupted every two years to have to run for re-election. This is definitely as important as the four year terms of Council.

Mr. Cowger motioned to send this to the floor of council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to send to the floor.

Mr. Cowger motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman  
Ordinance Committee