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Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held March 17, 2025, at 7:35 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Nahorn, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, President Wasilk, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Ramsey, Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora, Safety/Service Jeffreys, Chief Cawthon, Mr. Dan Given from Republic Waste and Mr. Lawrence.

A-25-13 An ordinance to stream City meetings on the website, and have meeting agendas and minutes available on the website

The Chair explained that the City council and committee meetings are streamed on the website so they can be watched in real time or they can be watched after the fact. The agendas are posted before the meetings and the minutes afterwards. This is a good thing. Some of the meetings, like the Planning Commission, the agendas and minutes are posted to the website, but not the meetings themselves. Some of the groups like the CIC, Park Board and Civil Service, none of that information is available. This proposed ordinance basically says that for any of these types of meetings, the minutes and agendas will be posted to the website and they will be streamed in real time or later. This will provide transparency to the public and would be helpful to council so we can go back and watch previous meetings.

Mr. Janik felt this was a great idea and liked the idea of transparency. He asked about the additional cost. Mayor Costilow said it would be significant cost and estimated the figures. He said he would provide the numbers for the next meeting but feels it could be accomplished. Not all the meetings take place in City Hall. He said we could make it happen, but he prefers that CIC meetings not be included. Mr. Pecora agreed due to how strategies are discussed in these meetings. Mayor Costilow said that maybe agendas and minutes can be posted and not stream. He pointed out that Park Board does not meet regularly, and they meet informally on many occasions. There was a discussion on what constitutes a Park Board meeting.

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Mr. Winiarski said a meeting is a meeting anytime a vote is taken that impacts the city. He does not see a downside of this. CIC handles land purchases and these are big deals for the city. The cost would be money well spent.

Chair Dembinski pointed out that a calendar goes out every month listing meetings and the Park Board does not meet every month, but at least when there are meetings as official meetings, he would expect them to be streamed and available.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to send this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to send to the floor of council.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Ordinance Committee