

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

February 6, 2024
Conference Room #119
6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Maurice Groce, David Moore II, Clarkston Morgan and Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Finance Director Keyla Garcia, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Deputy Park & Recreation Director Spencer McKellar, Parks & Recreation Director Val Romeo, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Attorney Jeff Sluggett, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**A. RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
KENTWOOD FIRE PREVENTION CODE TO REGULATE ENERGY
SYSTEMS.**

Fire Department Administrative Assistant Shane explained the Fire Department adopts the International Fire Code as the code that is used by the city of Kentwood; however, the last code adopted was the 2015 International Fire Code and that did not address regulating energy systems. She continued noting the 2021 code has not been adopted by the State, so the City will not be able to adopt it until the fall or winter of 2024. To provide regulations for the City she “cut and pasted” the 2021 unadopted International Fire Code and proposing this ordinance be adopted by the City until the City can adopt the 2021 International Fire Code when available.

Motion by Artz, Seconded by Groce, to recommend to the City Commission to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article 4, Section 22-104 of the Code of Ordinances, to add a new section 917; add a new chapter 12, sections 1201 through 1207, inclusive; amend Chapter 22 in its entirety; add a new Chapter 40, sections 4001 through 4006, inclusive; and add new referenced standards to Chapter 80. With this item to be on the Consent Agenda of the next City Commission meeting.

Motion Carried.

The Committee inquired about the work being done by Metronet and of the study on the deer population.

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City Deputy Administrator Gallagher informed the Committee of the information on the City website pertaining to Metronet and the deer study is on-going and will take a few years to complete because it covers Kentwood and surrounding communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem