

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Wittner called the study session to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, and Marc Rieke were present. Mayor Hunter George and Councilmember Waltier were absent and excused.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**IN-PERSON BUSINESS MEETING PLAN DISCUSSION**

City Manager Pingel provided an overview of accommodating hybrid meetings and highlighted the State requirements to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act. The staff recommends allowing in-person Council meetings beginning at the September 14, 2021, regular meeting. The needed equipment has been ordered and the staff will have the time to ensure that the transition goes smoothly. There was a consensus to allow for hybrid meetings starting at the September 14, 2021, regular meeting.

There were discussions held on requiring those who attend in-person to wear a mask. Discussions included CDC guidelines, the current guidelines for the public who enter our facilities, and the limited number of anticipated attendees.

Wittner invited public comment. The following individuals provided public comment:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19<sup>th</sup> Street W #C, commented on her support of allowing the public to join in person and she supports requiring masks for attendees.
- Nikki Bufford, 1405 Evergreen Dr, commented on her support of mask mandates, continuing to offer a remote option, and the importance of leading by example.

There was a consensus to require masks at Council meetings starting September 14, 2021.

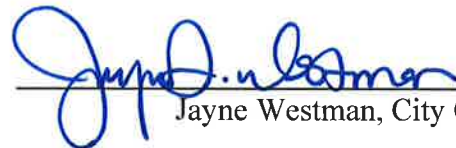
Lastly, there was a brief discussion on adopting a policy of the Council to require masks at meetings and the potential need to roll back to closed meetings should the current guidance change.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (5-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tem



Jayne Westman, City Clerk