

Minutes
Housing Committee Meeting
February 26, 2020, 2:00PM
Lower Level Community Room
by Charles Mockbee IV

Members Present: Chairwoman Pickering, Thomas Stone, Aaron Troglia, Adam Stuhr, Bob Iverson, Carolyn Wands, Charles Mockbee IV, Rick Brown, and guest, Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. along with media and audience. Members Absent: Tamera Forthenberry, Dawn Nasser,

Chairwoman Pickering opened the meeting at 2:04pm.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Williams, Jr. addressed the Committee stating his hopes for this Committee were that it would 1) review the relevant ordinances, comparing them to other municipalities, and 2) make recommendations to the City Council regarding improvements to Housing in Danville.

Questions for the Mayor: the Mayor answered inquiries from Aldermen on the Committee with audience member, Matt Long noting his opposition to the vacant building registration fee.

The Agenda was agreed upon by the Committee.

Audience Comments: Jerry Hawker pointed out that 1) there is a housing problem not a landlord problem, and 2) the Landlord Association is available to help this Committee.

The Committee began discussions on Chapter 169, Vacant Building, with Chairwoman Pickering going through each section and the following notes being made:

- 1) The term "Public Development Department" should be replaced with "Legal Department."
- 2) The City should be advertising and making available programs which may be useful to implement a rehabilitation plan as referenced in Section 169.03 (B).
- 3) Counsel Mockbee will report back to the Committee on the Legal Department's current requirements on insurance documentation as referenced in Section 169.03 (1)(2).

Chairwoman Pickering previewed next month's discussion on tarps and Chapter 163, Rental Housing Registration.

Chairwoman Pickering noted comments/questions from Committee member Nancy O'Kane who was not in attendance.

Chairwoman Pickering stated the next meeting would be March 11 and then concluded the meeting at 3:22pm on a Motion by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Iverson.

Approved: March 11, 2020 Charles D. Mockbee IV, Corporation Counsel
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