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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online Thursday August 16, 2021

Approved September 20, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb
Committee Members Absent: Saif Mogri
Other Board members in attendance: Mark Neudorff

1. Call to Order: Committee Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. A quorum was established.
2. Review minutes from July 2021: Item tabled to September.
3. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Joanne said holding these meetings has become tough and it is worse when people make caustic comments. She said the committee's energy would be better spent on items to benefit the community.
4. Public Comment: Chris Rowe and Zach Volet spoke.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0780, the hiring and utilization of MEU-SMART Teams to go out on police calls when there is a mental health problem.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstention – 1, Absent – 1, Recusal – 0
A CIS is support is approved.

2. CIS regarding City Council File 21-0002-S156, RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the 2021-22 Federal Program for expansion of Behavior Health Benefits under Medicare/Medical: Item tabled to September.
3. Revision of wording of the language for the Code of Conduct: Item tabled to September.
4. Zoom Event to meet with Street Services Department to discuss what is happening in their services: Item tabled to September.
5. Adjournment: Committee Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is September 20, 2021, online and telephonic.