

Legislative File No: 2006-0416

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: James Rosen, City Council President

DATE: June 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Environmental Clean-up and Oversight Committee

REQUEST:

To establish a regular, Council initiated, Administrative Technical Committee – called: <u>*Environmental*</u> <u>*Clean-up and Oversight Committee.*</u>

BACKGROUND:

Council has the authority to establish Committees for the purpose of assisting the Council in carrying out its duties as prescribed in Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Section. .02 Committee of Council of the *City Council Rules of Procedures*.

A few weeks ago under Any Other Business, I proposed the concept of an Administrative Technical Committee to oversee the environmental cleanup at the Adams / Hamlin and Madison / REI sites to assure that decisions are made in the best interests of the neighbors, the immediate area and the community as a whole. That evening, I asked for Council's reaction or interest and indicated that I would gather more information and make a more formal proposal to Council.

Under both Consent Agendas, the City has the obligation and opportunity to monitor progress in both cases through an environmental consultant. The committee would report to the Council on the progress and problems periodically. In addition, the Committee's proceedings and reports would provide a method of keeping the interested people informed – the immediate neighbors, the larger neighborhood, and rest of the City.

I have since talked to the Mayor, a number of Staff, City Attorney, and a potential environmental consultant. All concur that a committee like this would be a good way to handle the responsibility. I am proposing that the City Council formally establish the formation of an Environmental Clean-up and Oversight Committee based on the attached proposal. I further propose that the Council authorize me to work with the Mayor and Staff to appoint and organize the committee and hold initial meetings in order to more fully define the purpose, scope and function of the committee and to report back to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Create the *Environmental Clean-up and Oversight Committee* to oversee the environmental cleanup at the Adams/Hamlin and Madison/REI sites.

RESOLUTION

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