

**HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 15, 2026**

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Kennedy and Councilor Thompson.

Councilor Ashline was excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Myer; Councilor FitzGibbons; Councilor Lautensack; Councilor Plunkett; Mayor Robert A. Corradino; City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli; Craig Rebeor, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation; Fire Chief, Paul Conzone; Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jeff McGann.

MEDIA PRESENT: No media present.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor FitzGibbons. Minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Chairman Chance Kennedy requests discussion regarding LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and community resources.**

Chairman Kennedy, prior to the first agenda item, requested that City Attorney Kevin Caraccioli address questions regarding the proper scope of committee meetings and the jurisdiction of the Council's standing committees. Caraccioli explained the responsibilities assigned to each committee, stating that committee discussions are generally intended to lead to legislative action rather than serve solely as informational presentations. He noted that proposed amendments to the City Charter would properly fall under the Planning and Development Committee because they involve local laws, outlined the three methods for amending the Charter, and questioned whether informational discussions without a contemplated action were appropriate within the committee structure. Councilor Kennedy thanked the City Attorney and, upon introducing the agenda item regarding LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and community resources, explained that his intent was to identify existing resources and support systems for LGBTQIA+ residents, determine whether service gaps existed, and explore opportunities for future Council action, partnerships, or policy recommendations, acknowledging that the agenda item could have been worded more clearly. Councilor Thompson raised a point of order asking whether the discussion properly fell within the Human Services Committee's jurisdiction because no action item accompanied it. In response, Caraccioli reiterated that while the topic itself could be worthwhile, committee discussions should generally be connected to a proposed legislative action and encouraged the Council to consider what outcome or authorization would result from the

discussion. Councilor Kennedy clarified that his intent mirrored previous informational discussions regarding homelessness and mental health by informing the public about available community resources, accepted responsibility for the wording of the agenda item, and stated that his purpose was to better educate residents rather than immediately pursue legislation. Councilor FitzGibbons observed that while committee meetings are intended to advance legislative business, the informational discussions held during the year had been valuable and suggested allowing the discussion to proceed because of expectations already established while considering a different format for similar presentations in the future. Councilor Thompson reiterated that his concern was procedural rather than substantive, emphasizing that although the topics were important, he questioned whether they belonged before the Human Services Committee without a corresponding legislative action. Councilor Kennedy responded that he had sought to revive an inactive committee by addressing issues affecting vulnerable populations and the broader community, explaining that not every meeting would necessarily involve legislation and that providing information about available resources served a public purpose. Councilor Myer added that committee meetings provide an important opportunity for Council members to openly discuss community issues, increase transparency through televised meetings, and receive feedback from constituents regarding matters under consideration. Councilor Kennedy then requested a motion to proceed with discussion of the agenda item regarding LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and community resources.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor FitzGibbons made a motion to approve the request for discussion from Chairman Kennedy. Councilor Kennedy seconded the motion, it was defeated 1-0-2.

2. Chairman Chance Kennedy requests review of City Charter language for consistency and clarity.

Chairman Kennedy introduced Item 2, requesting review of City Charter language for consistency and clarity, explaining that the item was placed before the Human Services Committee due to concerns about inclusive language, gender-neutral terminology, and how residents may perceive references within the Charter, and stating that while he understood such revisions would ultimately fall under the Planning and Development Committee and require a broader process including legal review, public input, and voter approval, his intent was to begin an exploratory and informational discussion rather than propose immediate legislative amendments. Councilor Thompson raised a point of order and moved to table the item and refer it to the Planning and Development Committee, stating that while he was not opposed to the discussion, he believed it belonged in a more appropriate committee. Councilor Kennedy sought clarification on whether the motion was to table, and discussion followed regarding proper procedure for transferring an agenda item between committees. Councilor Lautensack requested clarification from the City Attorney on the proper procedural approach, to which City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli, responded that while tabling was one option, the cleaner procedure would be for Councilor Kennedy, as the sponsor of the agenda item, to withdraw it and request that it be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee, rather than formally transferring it through a motion. Councilor Kennedy then withdrew the agenda item and stated he would request that the Planning and Development Committee include it on its next meeting agenda. Kevin then added, for public context, that the City Charter dates back to the City's incorporation in 1848 and was

significantly revised in 1977, noting that the current Charter includes language specifying that pronouns are to be interpreted generically and that nothing in the Charter should be construed to prevent or discourage equal participation in city governance, and while acknowledging the discussion was appropriate for review, he characterized the matter as part of a broader potential “housekeeping” review of the Charter alongside other possible substantive updates.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:51 p.m. by Councilor Thompson. A second was made by Councilor FitzGibbons. It was approved by a vote of 2-0-1.

Respectfully Submitted,



Egor Golubchikov