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**SAFETY/UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016**

Present: Committee members Lynda Appel, Acting Chairperson; and Nick Nunnari.

Also present: Council President Michael Killeen; Councilmembers Mark Getsay, Ken Brady, and Dennis Sullivan; Law Director John Wheeler and Fire Chief Jim Hughes.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Ordinance 2015-157, waiving the compensation reduction provision of 167.26(b) as to personnel in the fire department.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chief Hughes provided some background regarding the need for this ordinance.

Councilmembers asked for further clarification as to why this ordinance was necessary.

Mr. Sullivan offered the suggestion that Council look into other options before deciding to move forward with this. Mr. Killeen mentioned that over the past two-plus years, all options have been reviewed, and Council needs to take action.

Mr. Nunnari moved, seconded by Mrs. Appel, to recommend that Council approve Ordinance 2015-157. The motion passed 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda M. Appel, Acting Chairperson