

The first item discussed was regarding **Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 8 – Solid Fences**. The Building Official provided an overview of his memo dated June 15, 2022. He stated that the current fence ordinance only permits solid fences when facing a street or an alley. Many residents request to install a solid fence when not facing a street or alley and gets denied resulting in a variance request and/or unhappy residents.

After many discussions with the Mayor, Council and City Attorney Tomlinson, the Building Official recommends getting rid of the requirements for solid fences and amending the ordinance to make solid fences permissible all together. The only change in the ordinance would be that residents will be permitted to install a solid fence, up to 6' in height, even if they do not face a street or alley, with the neighbor's signature.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the history of the ordinance, fence maintenance, and the comparison to the other communities.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, regarding the **Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 8 – Solid Fences**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole refer this item to the next City Council meeting for Council's approval.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: Koester
Absent: Gafa