

# Spokane Flag Commission

August 5, 2020

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:05am.

### Commission Briefing Session:

#### **A. Roll Call:**

- a. Commission Members Present: CM Burke, Josh Hiler, Matt Budke, Corey Marcoux, Mike Piccolo, Scyla Dowd; Jeff Ferguson, Andrew Whitver
- b. Commission Members Absent: Betsy Wilkerson, Max Nexbitt, John Mujica, Glenn Ford
- c. Staff Members Present: Lara Estaris
- d. Quorum: Yes

#### **B. Approve minutes: July minutes – CM Burke motioned to approve, seconded by Matt B. Passed unanimously.**

### Commission Business

#### **1. Mike Piccolo – legal concerns**

- a. Step 5, 6 regarding “inappropriate” submissions. Suggested to put a positive spin on language stating submissions do not meet standards to avoid submitter retaliation. Commission discussed language to add that Commission reserves right to veto: "Flag Commission members reserve the right to veto any submissions without comment or explanation in order to streamline the submission and voting process. Reasons may include, but are not limited to: inclusion of profanity, hate symbology, or similarity to other submissions."
  - b. Step 10 – In-person/outside voting event can only be held in Phase 3 of Safe Start Recovery Plan.
- 2. Press release content** – 2 will be released to amp up community discussion and provide submission instructions.

**Study session:** CM Burke requesting a study session to go over the flag process and the guidelines. The plan is to do a resolution saying that Council agrees to these guidelines and process so when the final flags go to a vote to the people, the Council and the Mayor will accept and vote for the flag that is chosen by the people. Other legal concerns can hopefully be addressed and voted on in study session later in August.

- 3. Videos** - Channel 5 will be involved with promotional video; submission instruction video created to use on YouTube/social media (Matt B./IT and Mark Simonds)
- 4. Social media:** Reddit AMAs, create Facebook page; social media content to include high-quality photos and short bios of Commission members

### Public Comment:

- 1. None**

### Other Items:

(none)

### Meeting Adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

The Next Spokane Flag Commission Meeting is scheduled for **11:00am** on **September 2, 2020**.