

Resolution #2-R-24

Resolution to consolidate the Utilities Committee with the Municipal Services Committee

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Referred To: *Mayor's Office for placement on the Common Council Organizational Meeting Agenda*

Whereas the Utilities Committee is one of the standing committees that regularly meets to deliberate on, and make recommendations for, policy and spending decisions on matters concerning the Water and Wastewater Utility plants, and related infrastructure; and

Whereas the Utilities Department and Department of Public Works often work jointly on water, wastewater, stormwater, and related infrastructure projects, and

Whereas some of the work related to the Utilities Department goes directly to the Finance Committee for approval; and

Whereas the majority of items that come before the Utilities Committee are related to plant or infrastructure upgrades, or requirements to meet state or federal mandates; and

Whereas since 2020, nearly 40% of the 106 meetings of the Utilities Committee have been canceled for lack of agenda items, and the average meeting length per Utilities Committee meeting during that span is just 11 minutes; and

Whereas in an effort to streamline work for the Common Council and to create efficiencies for staff, council members, and the community; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Common Council directs staff to make the necessary changes to our ordinances, policies, procedures, and council handbook to eliminate the Utilities Committee and merge the work handled by the Utilities Committee with the Municipal Services Committee.