Per the direction of the Committee, the following language options concerning the above-reference section are submitted for the Committee’s consideration:

Sec. 67 Interference With Performance of Duties of City Manager; Interference by City Manager in Elections.

No member of the council shall in any manner attempt to influence or coerce the city manager in the making of any appointment or the purchase of supplies in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

The council shall deal with the administrative functions of the city through the city manager. The Council shall only have direct contact with the directors of the city’s departments for the purpose of asking questions.

Neither the City Council nor any of its members shall order or request the appointment of any person to an office or employment or his/her removal therefrom, by the City Manager, or by any of the department heads [or any other employees] in the administrative service of the City. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the City Council and its members shall deal with the administrative service and powers under the City Manager solely through the City Manager, and neither the City Council nor any member shall give orders to any subordinates of the City Manager, either publicly or privately.

Any City Council member violating the provisions of this section, or voting for a resolution or ordinance in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall cease to be a Council Member. Additionally, any City Council member violating this section may be subject to civil remedies as specified in Section 74.

[Note – move the rest of section 67 to its own section…]
**Section 67.1 Political Activities by Legislative and Administrative Officers, Employees**

Political activities of and campaign contributions by the city’s legislative officers, administrative officers, and employees shall be governed in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All legislative and administrative officers and all city employees are prohibited from engaging in political activities during working hours. City officers and employees are prohibited from engaging in political activities at their work place.

Furthermore, city officers and employees are prohibited from engaging in political activities on city properties, provided this prohibition does not pertain to property that is otherwise open to the public for the purpose of engaging in political activities.