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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING STARTING TIME FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, state law provides that “all meetings of all state and local governmental bodies shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public and shall be open to all citizens at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law” to promote an informed electorate; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the City of Manitowoc are entitled to participate fully in the proceedings of the City of Manitowoc through public input and volunteering to serve on boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, more citizens would have the opportunity to address or participate in the Common Council and other City boards and committees if meetings were scheduled at a time which accommodated taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that effective May 1, 2016, any public meeting of a City of Manitowoc committee, board or commission which is established by Manitowoc Municipal Code, receives 50% or more of its funding from the City, or is comprised by a majority of Council appointees shall have a start time of 5:00 p.m. or later to accommodate taxpayers who wish to address the governmental body and shall record meetings using the City’s video legislation software.

INTRODUCED DEC 21 2015 _____

ADOPTED _____

APPROVED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

This resolution was drafted by Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney

- Fiscal Impact:** Budget neutral
- Funding Source:** n/a
- Finance Director Approval:** /sc
- Approved as to form:** /kmm