



Work Session Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, April 1, 2013

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Ralph Hellmich, Charlie Ebert, Rick Blackwell. Absent: Vera Quaites. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Administrator Mike Thompson, Sandra Pate, Katy Taylor, Donna Poole, Jessica Middleton, Jeff Rouzie, Suzanne Kellams, Butch Stokes, Dan Hellmich, Leslie Gahagan, LaDonna Hinesley, Joey Darby, Randy Bishop, Joe Bouzan, Steven Smith, Jeff Rouzie, John Graham, JaNay Dawson, Richard Peterson, Carolyn Hollis, David Vosloh, and press representative Cathy Higgins.

Discussion/Informational Items

13-0556 Centennial Committee Update

JaNay Dawson provided a brief update on the progress of the Centennial Committee's fund raising efforts. They have \$86,323.83 on hand. They have some partial payments that are owed but not yet received in the amount of \$12,000. There are also sure commitments from major businesses in the amount of \$22,500. She noted that the committee is working very hard and they have had tremendous support from the community. Dr. Bill Lawrence will be here tonight to donate funds from the schools. There are still brick pavers left for purchase, but most of the columns have been purchased. David Horton and LaDonna Hinesley have worked together to develop an advertising campaign about the fund raising efforts which is airing on the Riviera Cable channels. Sandy and Tim Russell are gathering information about the history of Foley. Brock Wells and Skip Davis are collecting military information. Ms. Dawson asked everyone to be sure and let someone on the committee know if they have any historical information on Foley. It was reported by David Vosloh that the plan is to be ready for the ground breaking for the Centennial Plaza eighteen months prior to the Centennial event. The Council expressed their appreciation for all the efforts of the Centennial Committee. They are doing a wonderful job! This was a discussion item only and this item was not added to the Council meeting agenda.

13-0567 Streetscape Site Furnishings Presentation

Suzanne Kellams presented a PowerPoint presentation showing images of where the new garbage receptacles, bike racks, and benches have been placed. The Council was very complimentary of the furnishings. This was a discussion item only and this item was not added to the Council meeting agenda.

13-0586 Discuss plans for once per week garbage service and advertising.

Dan Hellmich announced they will start the once per week garbage pickup beginning September 30, 2013. This will give the Sanitation Department plenty of time to notify customers of this change. This was a discussion item only and this item was not added to the Council meeting agenda.

13-0587 Discuss recycle container stickers

Dan Hellmich presented recycle stickers that the Marketing Department helped them design. He commented that stickers will work better than putting permanent markings on the recycle cans because they can be changed out if the information changes in any way. The Sanitation Department will start distributing cans on a first come, first serve basis. Funding for additional recycling cans will be added to the budget for next fiscal year. This was a discussion item only and this item was not added to the Council meeting agenda.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda for April 1, 2013

The Council reviewed the Council meeting agenda for April 1, 2013 and made no additions or removals.

Discussions:

#13-0575: Council President Trawick reminded the Council that once they start down the road of repairing this building it sets a commitment. This will not be a money maker and could get very expensive. But building is one of the central buildings in the downtown/historic district area so it is a challenging dilemma. After further discussion the Council decided to leave the agenda item on the agenda, but with an amendment to appropriate up to \$150,000 for improvements to the building at this time. It was noted that there would probably be a need to come back to council to request more funding in the future.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar had no comments.

Staff/Visitor Comments

Mike Thompson asked the Council if they would like Attorney Casey Pipes to draft an ordinance to help address hand bills being tossed into residents yards. The ordinance can be structured under a liter violation. He added that the ordinance could be drafted in two different ways. One way would be to have it cover only personal property, or, it could be more general to include City right-of-way property. The ordinance could also be structured where it would only regulate in a certain area like downtown. The ordinance could be tied to health and safety to address the advertising and newspaper boxes on sidewalks that may block the way for pedestrians. There was consensus to have Casey draft the ordinance for review by Council at a later date.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:25p.m.