



WORK SESSION SUMMARY
September 18, 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5:30 P.M.

220 N. 27th St.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Danny Choriki, Ward III
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV (Via Zoom – left around 8:40 P.M.)
Councilmember Pam Purinton, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused:

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Katie Nash, Domestic Violence Investigator
John Caterino, Facilities Manager
Nick Miller, Park Operator

Public Comment:

- None

1. Family Justice Center Update.

Officer Katie Nash gave a brief overview and introduced the following speakers.

Ken Shetter, National Family Justice Alliance Center, gave an overview of the recent meetings put together to compile information. He indicated survivors had expressed support for a Family Justice Center. He spoke of how the different organizations could work together to provide services under one umbrella.

He explained visioning for the center, how agency and personal commitments would be compiled. He indicated a strategic planning report would summarize the results.

Council discussed the upcoming meetings to move forward with a center and various partnerships that may contribute.

Public Comment:

- None

2. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

John Caterino, Facilities Manager, gave an overview of principles learned at recent training, CPTED strategic plan for the City and steps being taken to achieve principles.

Nick Miller, Parks Operator, gave an overview of the Urban Planting program, how CPTED principles created a safer environment, and improvements at local parks. He spoke of the changes in the downtown areas and how the improvements had decreased problems. He reviewed the new solutions including: smart plant designs, planting styles, and showed photos of the changes downtown and on Montana Avenue. He spoke of some downtown community projects that have improved safety in the downtown area.

Council discussed volunteer opportunities for groups to become involved.

Public Comment:

- None

3. Acquisition and Disposition of City Real Property.

Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator, spoke of the City's process for disposal and gave a timeline of the policy over the last few years.

Gina Dahl, City Attorney, gave an overview of the changes proposed to ordinance sections: options for sales at reduced rates for specific purposes; clarified process for sale, exchange or donation; authority to acquire by purchase, donation or exchange; appraisal process; and condominium development. She spoke of how the changes would make the policy easier to find.

Council went through each section of the proposed ordinance and suggested edits. They spoke of concerns with taking authority away from Council and giving authority to the City Administrator, public participation,

Ms. Dahl addressed concerns and took notes of proposed amendments for the ordinance.

Council discussed assigning the ordinance amendments to the Council Operations Committee and bringing it back to Council for review on policy issues only.

Recess at 7:45 P.M.

Reconvene at 7:53 P.M.

Council continued discussion on the following portions of the ordinance: economic development, definition of sustainable purposes, funding sources,

Debi Meling, Public Works Director, spoke of the amount of staff time involved in bringing small easements to Council and advocated for the ordinance amendments.

Council spoke of public participation needs and the importance of Council involvement. They questioned if the ordinance needed to be reviewed by the Council Operations Committee and the best way to proceed. They spoke of the need to review the Request for Proposals process currently being utilized for disposal of property.

CMJoy indicated the amendments could be made by Ms. Dahl and brought back to Council for a vote. CM Shaw moved to bring the ordinance back at a later date after Council had sent in their suggested amendments. CM Rupsis seconded. APPROVED 9-1, CM Neese opposed, CM Tidswell absent/excused

Public Comment:

- None

4. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, reviewed upcoming topics that may be of Council interest.

Public Comment:

- None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

CM Purinton discussed cell tower locations and separation of cell towers.

CM Joy discussed subcommittees effectiveness.

CM Neese discussed the City Administrator's Weekly report. Indicated he wanted more of what CA was doing.

Mayor Cole spoke of \$1M Federal Urban Forestry Tree grant. Mr. Kukulski indicated Thorne Run was advising of grant opportunities and it had been very effective.

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required. (Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)

- None

ADJOURN: 8:55 P.M.