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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING 7/24/23

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM City Hall

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Franco called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Council Member Brenna Franco Council Member Gordon Cook Council Member Timothy Fairley Council Member Lynda Osborn

Council Member William Thomas

Staff members present: James Schrimpsher, Chief of Police; Jessica Griess, City Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Council Member Osborn. Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

4. Presentations

5. Discussion

A. Comprehensive Plan - Public Participation

Caitlin Hepworth with Atwell briefed the Council on the Public Engagement Plan and Community Survey. She requested feedback from the Council on both items. Compared to the Housing Action Plan survey, this one will be more readily available and have a more in person presence. Would also do a sort of open house and a focus group for certain demographics to elicit additional feedback. Aiming to get around 300 responses to the survey. Council would like to see the material that will be handed out at Algona Day. There will be interactive options at Algona Day that have been successful in the past. Council would like to utilize social media platforms, Voyant Alert, a flyer, and any other productive means to push out the survey.

B. Potential Property Acquisition

Chief briefed the Council on a meeting staff had with the owners of a few properties at the north end of the City. The area is a great fit to do retention pond to mitigate the flooding in the area and potentially additional park space. The Council would like to see

a more detailed financial analysis the possibility. Staff will prepare and provide more information at the next Finance Committee meeting.

C. Junior Council

Council discussed portions of the current version of the Junior Council guidelines. A couple concerns include the two year term requirement, attendance, and volunteer opportunities. City Clerk Griess will bring back an updated version of the guidelines at the next Council meeting.

6. Audience Participation

The City Council encourages public participation during meetings of the City Council and welcomes your comments. This time is set-aside for you to speak to the City Council on any issue. The Council ordinarily takes non-agenda matters under advisement before taking action. You are also invited to comment on action items as they are considered during the meeting. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each in addressing the City Council. When addressing the Council, please speak clearly and audibly and state your name and address for the record.

None

7. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Franco adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Jessica Griess - City Clerk

Brenna Franco - Mayor Pro Tem