
The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty Georgette Dumont Sandy Golding
Christine Hoffman Cory Nichols Phil Vogelsang

Also present was City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Police Chief Gene Paul Smith, and City Attorney Chris Ambrosio.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members about ongoing items in the City.

City Manager

Parking Program first-year review

Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed the highlights [on file] for the first year of the City's new paid parking program. He stated the following:

- 60% increase in paid parking revenues
- Revenues of approximately \$73,000 through violations
- Clear peak in usage documented April through July
- No issues with patrons using automated kiosk systems

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the following recommendations:

Amend the Agreement to include:

- Establishing pro-rata distribution of funds for violations
- Establishing authorization for seeking collections and documentation of pro-rata distribution of collections revenues
- Establishing a residential parking rate

Modify operations to include:

- Reducing instances of incorrect citations
- Implementing an interim notice prior to collections
- Improving the resident registration process

Conversation ensued regarding the following topics:

- Possibility and ideas for offering short term parking for food pick-up
- An easier registration process for City residents
- Need for additional hours and days for paid parking

Mr. Staffopoulos stated minor changes would be made to the program, and Council would review the program again after another year of operation.

Lakeside Drive gate

Mr. Staffopoulos stated two draft resolutions had been written [on file]. One resolution is to keep the gate open, and the other resolution is to close the gate permanently after the completion of the construction project.

Conversation ensued regarding the two resolution options. The possibility of adding a walking path and/or a path for low-speed vehicles (such as golf carts) to pass through was discussed.

There was a consensus among Council to close the gate after the construction project has finished. Having electronic control of the gate was suggested and discussed.

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the City Attorney, Chris Ambrosio would revise the two drafted resolutions. One for closing the gate, electronic access, and including a path for low-speed vehicles. And the other resolution would be for closing the gate, electronic access, and not include a path for low-speed vehicles. The two drafts would be brought before Council for a vote at a future Council meeting.

Other topics

Council Member Hoffman asked about the status of the Public Works Director position as well as the Communication Manager position. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the top two candidates for the Director of Public Works position were brought in this week for final interviews. An offer was made to the top candidate, and the City is awaiting a response. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the application deadline for the Communication Manager position was recently closed. The City received 40+ applications, and the top candidates would be brought in for interviews.

Council Member Golding asked for clarification regarding the gate closure resolution and the lack of permanency a resolution holds. Mr. Ambrosio stated it was his suggestion to continue with a resolution as it is not a permanent solution and would allow future Council to make any changes if desired.

Council Member Doherty requested an update regarding the ADA beach walkover project. Mr. Staffopoulos stated the walkovers are scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Council Member Golding asked about the status of the second Animal Control Officer. Chief Smith stated the second Animal Control Officer has been hired and is scheduled to start in approximately one month.

The briefing adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date:

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