
The Council Briefing began at 6:00 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty Christine Hoffman
Bruce Thomason Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson (late)

Also present was Interim City Manager Karen Nelson.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members on projects including the following items:

City Manager

Resolution on permit fees

Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann introduced Building Official, George Knight who explained the proposed Resolution No. 2015-2018, amending the schedule of permit and land development code application fees. Mr. Knight stated a comparative analysis was completed, and the fees have been adjusted accordingly.

Downtown Action Plan update

Mr. Mann briefly reviewed the Downtown Action, Implementation and Management Plan by Dix.Hite + Partners. This included updated concepts of the previously discussed concepts. Mr. Mann stated the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) would be reviewing the updated concepts and consider the funding for the second phase of the Downtown Action Plan at an upcoming meeting.

Downtown projects

Mr. Mann outlined the upcoming projects in the Downtown area including additional hotels, apartments, retail space and possible restaurants.

Animal Cruelty ordinance

Police Chief Patrick Dooley stated the City recently was approached to create an ordinance regarding animal cruelty. He stated having a local ordinance, instead of being restricted to only following the State laws, would allow the City's Animal Control Officer, Kelsey Eberle, to have more authority regarding enforcement.

SRX and Extended Hours permits

Mayor Latham stated he has spoken to the Police Chief Pat Dooley as well as some of the Police Commanders and Officers, to come up with a solution regarding the public safety issue in the Central Business District (CBD) that would be fair for all businesses.

Mayor Latham suggested the following changes:

- Implement midnight closing time for any new restaurants
- Grandfather in all existing businesses with extended hours permits
- Implement a two infraction rule that would cause a restaurant to permanently lose their Extended Hours Permit privileges after a second infraction within a year
- Any existing infractions would remain on the record and would be applied towards the two infraction limit
- Applies to all restaurants within the City

Mayor Latham stated these guidelines would ensure habitual offenders be put on notice and not disrupt the restaurants that do not have any infractions.

Conversation ensued regarding additional suggestions and modifications regarding the proposed changes.

Mr. Vogelsang suggested the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City act aggressively by possibly investing in properties for sale within the City. Mr. Vogelsang stated by doing so, it would allow the City to offer incentives to attract restaurants that meet the City's goals.

Ms. Nelson stated an additional Council Workshop would be scheduled for September 10, 2018, at 6:15 P.M. to further discuss Downtown Redevelopment issues.

The briefing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date:

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