

**Minutes of City Council Workshop
2016 Downtown Action Plan
Monday, April 18, 2016 – 5:45 P.M.
City Council Chambers**

The workshop commenced at 5:50 P.M.

The following City Council members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty Christine Hoffman (*absent*)
Bruce Thomason Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, City Department Heads, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

Purpose of Workshop

The purpose of the Workshop was for the City Council to discuss the Downtown Action Plan.

Mr. Forbes gave an update of the Downtown Action Plan, which includes Public Spaces, Transportation, Public Safety, Commercial Spaces, Entertainment and Events and Quality of Life.

Three responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) were submitted for the Downtown Action Plan. Dix.Hite + Partners was chosen to be recommended to the City Council.

Presentations and Discussions

Greg Bryla with Dix.Hite + Partners explained that their proposal includes the implementation of the public spaces part of the Downtown Action Plan. Phase 1 includes gathering public input to provide general guidance and broad design criteria. Phase 2 is for the completion of some, or all of the elements described in the 2015 Downtown Action Plan.

Mr. Bryla gave a description of the team from Dix.Hite + Partners that would be working on the project. He also gave an overview of Dix.Hite's projects in other cities.

Mr. Forbes explained the Community Redevelopment Agency approved the budget for Phase 1 of this project. It will be on the City Council agenda for their approval at the May 2, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Forbes stated that he would like the Council to consider issues such as the alcohol ordinance, outdoor seating and outdoor low volume music at the next workshop.

The Workshop adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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Submitted by: Laurie D. Scott
City Clerk

Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 5/2/16