

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on February 16, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Hosie, Wentz, Johnson, and Fraser.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, Finance Director Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Hattan declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Steve Womack, Jeff Nelson, Lyle Pounds, Bob Maxson, Joe Hamel, Kirk Lowell, Marcia Allen, Joe Odette, Tim Parker, Cheryl Lanoue, Larry Naillieux, John Grothaus, Margaret Ryan, Frank Mercurio, Kevin Shamburg. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Bruno Rehbein, building inspector; Larry Eubanks, fire chief, and Chris Edin, police chief.

There was no invocation. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #3

APPROVED

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve appropriation ordinance #3. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOUTH FLOOD CONTROL – KLA ENVIRONMENTAL

Frank Mercurio of KLA Environmental presented five grading plan options for the flood control area. The first three plans presented did not meet the desired level of flood control. Mr. Mercurio stated that option #5 was the plan closest to meeting the goals of the City. A Plum Road dam option was also shown.

John Grothaus, representing the Corps of Engineers, also spoke. He said 65% of the implantation phase cost will be paid by the Corps, if the construction plan maximized benefits. Likely, construction could begin in the fall of 2012. The cost share agreement for design work is \$500,000, with an equal share being contributed by both the City and the Corps. For 2011, \$200,000 in kind and \$50,000 in cash is expected from the City. The feasibility study is the next step after the contract is signed, and Mr. Mercurio stated it would take six to nine months to complete.

Bob Maxson, from the college, expressed concern over the public being able to access the public area in option #5, which would involve crossing Broadway Street, and would like to see option #4 enhanced. However, Mr. Maxson stated the college is eager for the project and did not want to hold up progress.

Lyle Pounds asked why Broadway Street was being included in the design as a through street. Commissioner Hosie answered that the plans for several years have included an access from Campus Drive to downtown, for elderly citizens to avoid driving on US 81.

Kirk Lowell encouraged the City to plan well, as today's decisions would affect the City in the distant future. He said he is working with the college to possibly include some of their land in the 5+ acres being offered to a possible box store, which would require over five acres for their facility.

Commissioner Hosie moved to designate plan #5 as our number one option. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Uri said that a contract with KLA Environmental would be on the next agenda for approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said that there was money in the TIF fund to do the flood control dirt work, should the commission so choose. It was decided this would be on the next agenda.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson said hay bales had plugged the overflow in the 1970s or 1980s at the south development, and noticed there were now bales in that area. Ron Copple promised to remove them.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein received an application for the demo program from the new owner of 113 E. 12th. Mr. Rehbein provided photos of the structure and said if it wasn't removed now, it would eventually need to be done.

Commissioner Wentz moved to accept 113 E. 12th into the demo program. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Buckley said his department was still investigating the pressure problem near the college, and planned to change valves during spring break.

Ron Copple announced there would be a spring cleanup April 4-April 8.

Larry Eubanks provided details of responding and fighting last week's fire at C&C Truck Line, and fielded commissioners' and the public's questions. Discussion included lack of adequate personnel to fight the fire, and changes that could be made to address this.

ADJOURN

Mayor Hattan announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Hattan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk