

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
September 13, 2018
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Bob Rossiter, Dave Beyerl, Edna Campau, Audrey Webster, Michael Myers, David Watkins
COUNCILORS ABSENT: Walt Perry
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, City Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

- I. **COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

- II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

- A. Public Hearing: Hazel St. LID for Sidewalks

Mayor opened public hearing at 6:31pm and read the purpose of the hearing, background and summary and called for bias or declarations of conflicts of interest. There were none. There was no written testimony submitted.

Oral testimony:

David Jones, 565 S 5th, attending as President of the Fire Board. He explained the Board had an initial complaint or concern about a possible drainage issue on a ramp that they built a few years ago, but after speaking with the City's Public Works Director, there didn't appear to be any problems.

Chris Giffin, 207 Main St. – thought the sidewalk project was a good improvement for the whole town and would only increase value and improve the look of the town. She supported it and wanted Council to know that.

Bruce Forbes questioned the location of the Hazel St. improvement and the Mayor clarified.

Questions from Council:

Councilor Beyerl shared the initial assessments were much higher, but with City staff's review and suggestions, they found ways to cut costs to property owners by shifting the costs of curbs to the City, leaving just the sidewalk portions as the property owners expense. He appreciated staff's efforts. With no further questions, the hearing closed at 6:36pm.

Council deliberations:

Councilor Webster expressed concern about actual cost coming in higher than that of what was included in the report, and hoped the Council would re-evaluate the actual numbers when they came in. Jeff Buskirk explained the bids were already in, so he was confident the numbers would not likely change. Councilor Campau moved to establish the LID for sidewalks along Hazel St., as specified in Resolution #1043, and order improvements be carried out. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

B. Draft Artwork Donation Policy Proposal

While FOL President, Linda Baker was absent, both Chris Giffin and Councilor Campau could address any comments or questions regarding the proposed policy. Councilor Webster noted a number of edits as she went through the document, including clarification on some definitions, questions about the general purpose of some statements, the DRC's authority and Council's involvement in overruling decisions. Councilor Beyerl responded to the Mayor's call for other Councilor comments, noting he didn't want it to be too political and wasn't really in favor of the Council getting too heavily involved. Mayor Myers agreed, noting the members of the design review committee would be appointed by the Council anyway. There was some discussion about insurance requirements, permits for large scale installments, who would install/remove the art, rotating artwork, the right to refuse donations, where art would be stored, and more general discussion as the Council went through the draft. Councilor Beyerl commended the FOL for their foresight in bringing the draft to Council. Councilor Campau indicated she would make the necessary changes to the draft and bring it back to Council for adoption at a later meeting; all agreed.

C. Strategic Plan – Complete Document – FYI

Mayor commended Council for accepting and then taking on the arduous process of updating the plan, noting they wouldn't be looking at it again for a few years.

D. Radio Read Meter Comparisons & Info – FYI

Mayor Myers was impressed with the information and 10-year projection of cost and time savings. Councilor Beyerl agreed, noting the vast difference in the two products and prices provided. Councilor Watkins commented that the technology market was moving rapidly and they needed to be aware of what was coming along. Jeff Buskirk explained the capability of the meter, which could document the usage every hour of every day allowing them to pinpoint exactly when a water leak started. Mayor Myers indicated there would be more info coming down the road on this subject.

III. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 1st half for September – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve and Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed - 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. VISITORS – none

V. COUNCIL COMMENTS

David Watkins requested an update on Nixle, which Sarah Cook provided, noting the need to pursue a couple bids from other companies before signing on.

Bob Rossiter attended the MC breakfast, noting the Commissioners were still working on a policy that would identify steps to sell, give, rid the County of property.

Edna Campau said the Jefferson historical society and museum was holding their general membership meeting at City Hall on Sept. 17th at 6pm to discuss the Conser House.

Dave Beyerl said there was discussion at the MPO meeting about making the intersection off the freeway safer, with plans to install more lighting, as well as mitigate the rumble strips.

Mayor Myers shared a meeting he and Sarah Cook had with Stacey Jochemson, the district field rep for Senator Merkley. He shared with her issues some of the Councilors forwarded to him including fiber, the condition of the highway through town, costs associated with storm water, etc. It was a very positive meeting and she planned to attend the library's grand opening.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Dave Beyerl moved, seconded by Councilor Watkins. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:26pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2018.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder