

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Council Worksession Via Zoom  
June 10, 2021  
4:30pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Mayor Michael Myers, David Kellogg, Dave Beyerl, Bob Rossiter, David Watkins, Walt Perry  
**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Patrick McKenzie  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

- A. Proclamation Designating June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month – Mayor Myers read and signed the proclamation.
- B. Engineer’s Report: 5<sup>th</sup> Street LID & Resolution# 1073: Declaring the Intent to Establish a Local Improvement District for Sidewalks Along the West Side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Councilor Beyerl confirmed there was nothing to be resolved with the wetland property in relation to the street project. Councilor Perry expressed concerns regarding ADA ramp near Columbia and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Jeff Buskirk confirmed ADA ramps were required to meet the state’s specs and grade. Sarah Cook provided a brief description of the process for moving forward, in relation to notification to property owners, publications, scheduled hearing, etc. Councilor Perry moved to approve the Engineer’s Report and adopt Resolution# 1073. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

- C. Main Street Revitalization – Discussion

Mayor Myers, noting the materials in the packet, indicated it would be quite a project, but a needed one. He felt they needed to create an environment that would entice new businesses and improve the current ones, noting Sedcor was very well versed in that and had a proven track record. That said, it would take time, years. He was interested in hearing from each Councilor.

Councilor Watkins thought the City should make some commitment indeed, but it was a big chunk to bite off at once and he wondered if a plan could be scaled down for Jefferson’s needs. He was in favor of meeting with them to initiate discussions and he thought all businesses and the public should be included. Councilor Perry recalled a Main Street seminar from a few years back, adding it would be quite an undertaking, but a necessary one. He wondered about the possibility of revitalizing both the Main Street and the mixed-use highway zone, to get it all done at once. However, there were concerns about the need to involve ODOT and Marion County, noting it wasn’t impossible, but a lot larger of a project than focusing solely on Main Street alone.

The overall consensus was for staff to reach out to Sedcor and come up with a couple options for dates to have them at a meeting to discuss the program.

**III. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**IV. VISITORS** – none

**V. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilor Perry commented it was great seeing all the work being done at the old gas station property. Mayor Myers noted he and Sarah would be putting together a letter regarding community input on the parks, in terms of names, themes, and design for memorial sign. Sarah Cook provided an update on the deputy interviews, noting Officer Kittleson was selected and would begin working the following week.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn, seconded by Walt Perry. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder