

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession via Zoom
July 9, 2020
3:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Myers, Walt Perry, David Watkins, Bob Rossiter, Dave Beyerl, Audrey Webster, Edna Campau
COUNCILORS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the zoom meeting to order at 3:30pm and confirmed attendance

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. Development Code Amendments – Discussion

Mayor Myers sought comments from each Councilor regarding the memo from the City Manager related to a review of the development code with the intent to provide greater flexibility in mixed-use zones and to create a conditional use process for deviation from the standard code. The consensus from Council was they liked the idea of offering more flexibility, feeling it would allow the City to grow at a healthy pace and keep buildings from sitting vacant. Councilor Beyerl only asked that criteria for parking not be decreased in any case. Staff was directed to move forward with proposed amendments.

Rob Morton, a local property owner looking to develop in Jefferson, commented that he appreciated the flexibility shown by the Council, noting having increased housing would allow the local businesses to better sustain themselves. That, coupled with the flexibility for a property owner to switch between residential and commercial, he felt was a win/win for the community and property owner.

B. City Food Truck Pod – Discussion

The topic was brought back for further discussion, after first having been heard at Council the prior year. After some brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was the City should not be in the food truck business by providing space on City property for such an operation. While the Council was generally in support of food trucks, they agreed they should be positioned on private property, so as not to create the perception of competition with local brick and mortar businesses. It was noted the Chamber was re-starting and all agreed it would be better suited for them to pursue or promote.

III. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – 1st half for July

Councilor Perry moved to approve the payables; Councilor Beyerl seconded. Discussion: clarification was provided regarding the payment for additional keys. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0.

APPROVED.

IV. **VISITORS** – None

V. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

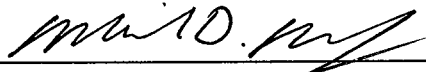
Mayor Myers applauded Councilor Webster and Watkins for their work on the draft anti-racism statement. Councilor Perry inquired about changing one word relating to the statement referring to the “people of Jefferson”, to which Audrey explained that portion was intended to speak to those receiving high quality services from the City. There was a consensus from Council to move forward with it as it was written and staff was directed to put it on City letterhead for each Councilor to sign.

Edna Campau provided a brief update on the work at the Conser House, noting 2 contracts had been signed for the electrical and HVAC.

David Watkins noted the activity at the Chamber, indicating the new President had updated the bank account, PO Box, and was working on the website.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Watkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Dave Beyerl. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 4:05pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of August, 2020.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder