

Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18th, 2023



Present: Council Chair Tom Beckius, Council Vice Chair Sandra Washington. Council Members: Justin Carlson, Tom Duden, Bennie Shobe, and Brodey Weber. **Absent: James Michael Bowers**

Others Present: City Attorney Yohance Christie, City Council Office Manager JaMel Ways, City Clerk Soulinnee Phan; and various City Directors and Staff.

Council Chair Beckius opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. announcing the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. **Approval of Directors Meeting minutes from September 11th, 2023.**

II. **City Clerk Advisories:**

- **Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions**
 - 4.a. & 4.b. Will be called together.
 - 4.c & 4.d. Will be called together.
 - 4.e. – 4.g. Will be called together.
- **Public Hearing Resolutions**
 - 5.j. & 5.k. Will be called together.

III. **Mayor’s Advisories**

- **None to Report**

IV. **Director Presentations and Advisories**

- **David Cary, Planning Director** – Provided information concerning the *8455 Place* project. Advised of updates to street tree & screening layout. Councilman Duden had questions about how the changes take place and if those changes are fair to the public. Council Vice Chair Washington also asked for clarity as to the process when changes like this happen. Director Cary went over the process regarding public notices.
- **Liz Elliott, LTU Director** – Advised that the 100 Year Celebration at Wastewater Management had a good turn out with almost 1000 people in attendance. Gave open invitations to those who would like a tour of the plant.
- **Pat Lopez, Health Director** – Advised the Covid vaccine has been approved for people 12 years and older. The CDC has only made one vaccine available to uninsured and underinsured. She is still waiting for full details on any other Covid or RSV vaccines, and if they will be covered by insurance and Medicaid.

V. **City Council Member Boards, Committees, & Commissions Reports**

- **Bennie Shobe** – Multicultural Advisory Board met over the past week. Discussed how the Committee came about and history between the Committee and the Mayor.
- **Tom Beckius & Sandra Washington** – Public Building Commission. Advised security updates in the garage are mostly complete now. Advised that in a couple of years, there may be some updates made to the City Council and County office areas. Also advised the Chambers will also be updated and more improved to accommodate the public.
- **Sandra Washington** – Parks & Recreation had discussions about Woods Park and with the “Keep it Green” community advocate group. There were discussions about the tennis courts and the value of keeping the space green. Reminded the Council that Woods Park, is the only park whose master plans for any changes, comes before the City Council. Also advised that she attended the Naturalization Ceremony that took place on September 17th, 2023 and said it was very interesting and encourages others to attend future ceremonies.

Council Chair Beckius adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next Directors Meeting to be held on October 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

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