



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, May 9, 2022

Councilmembers Present: Marilyn Oertle, Debora Nelson, Don Vanney, Jan Schuette, Michele Blythe, and Heather Logan.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, City Administrator Paul Ellis, Police Chief Jonathan Ventura, Police Lieutenant Mike Gilbert, NCRFA Deputy Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Debbie Strotz, Jim Kelly, Marc Hayes, Amy Rusko, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Julie Petersen

Also Known to be Present: Bob Nelson, Sid Logan, and Kathy Vanney.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Public Safety Reports to Item No. 1. Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Public Safety Reports

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura and Police Lieutenant Mike Gilbert provided a quarterly police report that included call statistics, involvement in community activities, staffing update, and an overview of yearly comparison metrics. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura and Lieutenant Gilbert answering Council questions. Councilmembers and the Mayor shared their appreciation for the work of the police department staff.

North County Regional Fire Authority Deputy Chief of Operations Dave Kraski provided a quarterly fire report of administrative updates involving changing the logo, staffing challenges, equipment apparatus', and new software implementation. He spoke of the transition of the fire department's merger, their support for Eviation, and an overview of yearly call statistics. Discussion followed with Deputy Chief Kraski answering Council questions. Councilmembers and the Mayor shared their appreciation for the work of North County Regional Fire Authority.

Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus

Procurement/Contracts Analyst Debbie Strotz reviewed the property surplus and shared that the City currently has several vehicles and equipment that are beyond their useful life that need to be declared as surplus in order to be properly auctioned off. In addition, there are small and attractive fixed assets that were determined to be unsalvageable and will be disposed of accordingly, and a couple of vehicles that were totaled that need to be removed from Asset Management. Discussion followed with Ms. Strotz and Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

Right of Way Purchase (ROW) for 204th St/74th Ave Intersection Project

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the Right of Way Purchase for 204th St and 74th Ave Intersection Project. Mr. Kelly stated that the City of Arlington has been engaged in the design of the 204th Street/74th Avenue Intersection project, and is at the point where ROW needs to be purchased for the installation of signals, ADA compliant curb ramps and bus pull-outs. The City contracted with Universal Field Services for appraisal and procurement of the SE ROW needs. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions

Ordinance Approving York Park Rezone

Community and Economic Development Planning Manager Amy Rusko reviewed the Ordinance for York Park Rezone, which is a City initiated request to rezone a 0.56-acre parcel that was declared surplus by the City. The request is to rezone from the existing Public/Semi-Public zoning to Residential Moderate Capacity. This item was placed on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket. A Public Hearing was held on April 19, 2022, before the Planning Commission. There were no public comments regarding the rezone of the subject property. Discussion followed with Ms. Rusko answering Council questions.

Ordinance Approving Old Town Residential Design Standards

Community and Economic Development Planning Manager Amy Rusko reviewed the HKP Architects designs in detail and the Ordinance adopting the Old Town Residential Design Standards for development within the Old Town Residential zoning district. The design standards were created in an effort to support Senate Bill 1923, by efficiently utilizing land to create more affordable housing units on existing lots, such as duplexes, tri-plexes, four-plexes, courtyard apartments, bungalow courts, townhomes, and cottages (known as “missing middle housing”). The use of strict design standards is imperative, in order to protect the architectural styles and character of the existing neighborhoods. These uses were adopted with Ordinance 2021-012, and design standards are necessary to regulate these housing types. Discussion followed with Ms. Rusko and Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jan Schuette announced that the City's newsletter has a Community Transit survey seeking input from all community members regardless if they use the offered services provided by Community Transit.

Councilmember Don Vanney shared he attended the firefighter oath of office and appreciated the ceremony.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barb Tolbert announced that the Farmer's Market opened Saturday, May 7. She shared that the Youth Summit on May 7 was well attended and shared some topics that were discussed with the youth to prepare for college and employment. Councilmember Jan Schuette and Mayor Barb Tolbert thanked Community Transit for helping sponsor the Youth Summit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councilmembers discussed and agreed to place item #1 on the consent agenda for the May 16, 2022 Council meeting:

1. Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

