

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

JUNE 3, 2014

ATTENDEES: Council members Sundstrom, Rose, Howard, Tremblay and Montgomery. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt and Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett opened the Study Session at 7:02 PM.

AGENDA

- 1. Presentation by Glacier Middle School students on their Salmon Release Program.** Glacier Middle School Science teacher Joe Frame introduced himself and students Kyle McCoy and Koll St. Pierre. They gave a presentation about the 250 salmon eggs they receive each year from the hatchery in Orting, and Kyle and Koll explained how they raise those eggs through the various stages of salmon development, and how they then release them into a small stream near the White River. However, the stream site is not ideal due to the fact that it is too short and narrow to provide good habitat, and it is too close to the White River. They cannot be released directly into the White River because the current is too swift and the little fish would not survive. Glacier's objective is to partner with the City to find a suitable place where the fish can be released with the hope that they will survive and return to the river each year. A few possible solutions were discussed.
- 2. CDBG Contract:** Mayor Johnson provided a review of the current contract and explained some of the pros and cons of pulling out of the consortium. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was thought that if we stay with the consortium then it would be best if someone from the Council get on the board and speak up for small cities. Council member Tremblay suggested that the City stay on for another three years but let them know that we are looking elsewhere. City Administrator Schmidt recommended that if the Council approves this that it should be done by resolution. This will come to the Council as a resolution on next week's agenda.
- 3. Public Safety Meetings:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding staff's inability to attend Public Safety Committee meetings held in the evening. City Administrator Schmidt suggested that until a solution is found, if Public Safety department heads cannot get to the Committee meetings, that they bring their issues directly to the Council.
- 4. Council Vacancy Policies:** City Administrator Schmidt stated that the Council must formally declare the seat vacant. Once that is done, we can publish the ad for a Council vacancy. A very long discussion ensued regarding the voting for candidates and how it should be conducted, as well as discussion regarding candidate qualifications and whether or not that should take place in Executive Session. City Administrator Schmidt will take Council member Tremblay's input, make changes/amendments presented here tonight, and present it to the Council for adoption in resolution form at next week's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. It was suggested that the next Study Session be dedicated to discussing just the Master Plans, or schedule a special meeting to do so. City Administrator Schmidt stated that we really need to put this into a final plan that everyone is comfortable with, but until we have the direction from the majority of the Council it's hard to do that. He thinks the Council's goal should be identifying elements of this plan that you want to see implemented, and then we do an RFP for somebody like AHBL to put it in a final plan and help us with the implementation.
2. Buckley Fire Department is hosting a program on how citizens can work together with neighbors and the Fire Department to respond to disasters. This program will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Fire Station.
3. There will be a Short Course in Planning held at the Fire Station on September 16th, 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett encouraged everyone to attend this course, even if you've been before.
4. This Thursday night is the Fire Academy recruit graduation. Please be there if you can.

Study Session was adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator