

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

AUGUST 5, 2014

**ATTENDEES:** Council members Sundstrom, Rose, Tremblay, Leggett and Montgomery. Council member Howard was absent. Mayor Pro Tem/Council member Boyle Barrett arrived at approximately 7:08 PM. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt and Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson opened the Study Session at 7:04 PM.

### AGENDA

#### 1. Update on Ag Land

City Administrator Schmidt said based on the last study session and the information that we received from the Council, we gave that information to the engineers, and the engineers are working on a conceptual site plan for the farm property now. Once that is complete we will bring it back to the Council for you to say this is what we heard and to find out if you are okay with it. If you are okay with it, we will incorporate it into the new Parks Plan and figure out cost estimates on capital projects. Or, if you want to make changes to it, we'll make those changes, send it back and go from there. Mayor Johnson stated this is a good starting point. A discussion ensued regarding timelines and prioritizing projects, as well as projects put on by other jurisdictions that bring people into their towns.

### MISCELLANEOUS

City Administrator Schmidt announced that the Police Department discharged one of our officers for failing to meet his probationary requirements. Mayor Johnson stated that Chief Arsanto has been working on a new Civil Service list; they're doing testing on Saturday, both written and physical, and they have 37 candidates for two positions, and 5 of them on the initial interview look outstanding.

City Administrator Schmidt said while you guys haven't tackled the SR 410 Master Plan yet, it's a pretty detailed document, and in order to put that document into a working form, which is basically the binding site plan with the individual lots, and overlays for each lot to include zoning, performance standards and everything that goes along with that, and with everything that City Planner Thompson is doing right now with the Comprehensive Plan, staff would basically like the Council's thoughts and feedback on the possibility of hiring a consultant to put that together for us. A firm like AHBL, or somebody who is actually a planning firm, can walk the product through the process, put the finished document in place, take it through the

Planning Commission and bring it to the Council for adoption. We would then have something ready to go when we finish the realignment project. And, we would go through all of the right-of-way acquisition, vacation processes, and we would get all of that property taken care of. Questions were asked and discussion ensued with Council members providing input. City Administrator Schmidt said it sounds like the Council is generally in support of that, doing an RFP and maybe working with somebody to get some numbers in there that we can present to Council for consideration. There appeared to be a consensus of the Council that this is moving in the right direction. Council member Montgomery said he would be in favor of actually expanding the plan a little bit to include the east side of River. Everyone seemed to think that was a good idea. There was a short discussion about funds.

Council member Tremblay reiterated that he would really like to see a spray park in the plan. It is very visible and great for the kids, and there are some good plans out there; it would just be researching what we want. There was a short discussion about the cost of a spray park.

Council member Tremblay said this would be a fun project to work on with all the different elements that the kids like. We could go around and visit others and take the best of everyone else's. Discussion continued with the sharing of ideas.

Study Session was adjourned at 7:46 PM.



City Administrator Dave Schmidt



Mayor Pat Johnson