

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
March 5, 2024**

ATTENDEES: Council members Bergerson, Arsanto, Bender, Smith, Burbank and Green.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Brunell, Finance Director Hines, Public Works Director Banks, Senior Planner Farnsworth, City Engineer Miller and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

WRHS FFA Presentation:

Mr. Miller, who is a teacher at White River High School and the students of WRHS FFA gave a wonderful presentation on different agricultural issues that relate to our community. The Council wanted the group to know what a wonderful job they did.

Comprehensive Plan Updates:

Sarah with Frameworks Consulting showed the Council a PowerPoint of the Comp Plan timeline that focuses on community vision, growth strategy and future land use strategies. The Council will have time to review this, and it can be completed by the end of 2024 with also zoning code updates. Sarah would like the Council to highlight in the handout with their guiding principles and top goals. She also gave references to other smaller cities for the 2044 outlook. Council discussed this and would like to see it brought back to another City Council Study Session.

Review of Current Development Projects:

Senior Planner Farnsworth updated everyone that most of the projects are housing developments. There will be single family homes and hundreds of townhomes to be built within the next year or so. Mr. Farnsworth also handed Council a list of all the permits that have been issued this year. Permit Tech Rohner has implemented a plan to try and make a smooth transition for applicants.

Traffic Code Revision:

City Engineer Miller gave out a memo and discussed the current code that allows for a 30% discount on street impact fees. No existing businesses pay traffic impact fees, it is only new because the traffic is not being affected and all bigger new businesses do their own traffic impact studies that are reviewed by Gray and Osborne. The Council went around the table with a discussion.

Review of Biennial Budget:

City Administrator Brunell informed everyone how last year staff took extra steps in budget planning to update the budget to every two-year timeframe. This will save staff time in the second year and many small and large cities have adopted a biennial budget. The Council will need to adopt an ordinance that is attached to the memo for review and would like to bring this forward next week at the City Council meeting.

Council Comments and Good to the Order:

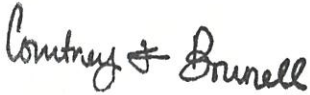
Council member Arsanto wanted to check the status of the hired passport position and what the revenue vs. the expenditures are. Staff will provide this.

Council member Bender is happy that the Fire Dept. is taken care of for now but wants to make sure Police Dept. is included in the budget as well.

Council member Burbank wanted to share that she is struggling with all the growth targets we are expected to meet in our smaller city.

Council member Green asked a question regarding the biennial budget and what if the City needs a new firefighter or police officer, is there an option to be added to the budget? City Administrator Brunell let them know that yes this is always an option.

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



City Administrator



Mayor

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