

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

ATTENDEES: Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett, Council members Reed, Irons, Tremblay, Howard and Montgomery, Mayor Johnson and City Administrator Schmidt.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett called the workshop to order at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett amended the Agenda to add a discussion on the Pierce Conservation District.

AGENDA

1) Policy Making Structural Procedure

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett provided two documents. One titled "Policy Making" which came directly from MRSC, and another titled "Decision Making Structural Process" which was developed to assist her in providing better organization for workshops. It is hoped that these documents can and will be used as tools in the Council's decision making process to clearly identify issues and dedication of resources. A discussion ensued about these tools and when/how to best use them.

2) Haunted House Agreement

This issue was referred to the workshop from the last City Council meeting. Everyone was provided a copy of the current Haunted House Lease (Fright Factory) Agreement that went to Council. Council member Tremblay voiced a number of concerns regarding risk to stakeholders, including code issues with the current Haunted House, and asked whether this is an appropriate use in a residential area. The Mayor and City Administrator Schmidt gave an overview of how the City came to possess the property and long term plans for its use. A discussion ensued regarding the City's plans for the property, and the best use of the property. Chief Arsanto gave a police report covering the past four years and summed it up as "a great event but the wrong location."

Dennis and Diane Wink, 506 Mundy Loss Road. They are the owners of the Fright Factory, and provided the Council with an overview of the event, the building, security, staffing, hours

of operation, etc. Alternative locations for the Haunted House were discussed and how these alternatives would fit into the Wink's plans. Also discussed were remedies to solve some of the Money's issues, and whether it should it remain at its current location for another year.

Alice Money shared with the Council their concerns regarding property damage, trespass, assault, parking issues, noise, etc. and voiced strong opposition to the Haunted House at its current location.

Discussion ensued as to where to go from here and addressing the following discussion points:

- ❖ Options for alternative locations.
- ❖ Mitigation plans and strategies to address the concerns of neighbors.
- ❖ Does it serve the community?

It was decided that more information is needed regarding options for alternative locations, and eventually a Public Hearing should be held to discuss the value of this event to the community. City Administrator Schmidt said he will do another inspection of the DSHS Facility and would arrange a tour of the property for Council members who are interested. He will also discuss current Fire Code requirements with Chief Predmore. City Administrator Schmidt will report back to the Admin/Finance/Public Safety Committee, and the Committee will come back to the Council with their recommendation.

3) Pierce Conservation District

Mayor Johnson gave an overview of how this came about. City Administrator Schmidt discussed how this program could benefit the City with its NPDES Stormwater Permit and all that it involves. Grant funding through the program was discussed and how this could benefit the City. It was agreed that if we become a Pierce Conservation District then we must promote the program to our citizens and use it. The value and benefit to the City and citizens is believed to far outweigh the cost. City Administrator Schmidt said he will demonstrate the value by developing a list of benefits and including them in the Resolution Findings. Mayor Johnson said she will get in touch with Ryan Mello.

4) Tree Policy Committee

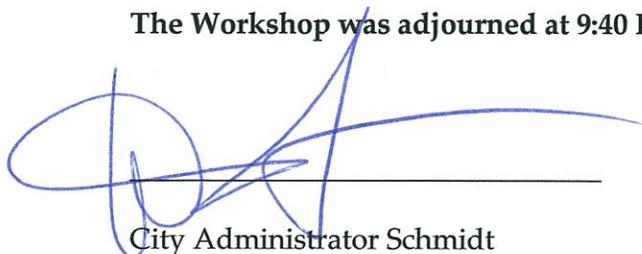
What would be the responsibilities of this committee/board and who would they report to? Council member Montgomery has studied what other cities have done and cobbled together a sample ordinance. He stated that the duties of this body would change as work progressed. He sees their function as designing an urban forestry policy, tree advisory board, policy and implementation. A discussion ensued regarding a "board" versus an "ad hoc committee", the pros and cons of each, and becoming a "Tree City", etc. City Administrator Schmidt stated that

much of what Council member Montgomery identifies as tasks/responsibilities is already in the Public Works Guidelines & Standards. Mayor Johnson recommended that we take this in small steps rather than one big jump. City Administrator Schmidt stated that the Ad Hoc Committee could be developed by resolution, which could include goals as well. Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett asked is forming this committee going to solve a problem for us, and reminded the Council that the Comprehensive Plan is the Council's guiding document and encouraged all Council members to read the document and become familiar with it. Discussion continued. Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett said she would like to review our Comp Plan Goals and make new ones if necessary. She also suggested that a member of the Planning Commission be on the Ad Hoc Tree Policy Committee. More discussion ensued regarding the pros/cons of an Ad Hoc Committee versus a Board. A number of Council members stated that they support having a Board if we have to be a Board to receive grant funding, etc. City Administrator Schmidt stated he will research the pros and cons of board versus committee and what is required of each and report back.

5) **Miscellaneous**

- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett provided a list of suggestions for Committee Chairs and a list of cities and their populations closest in size to our City. These are provided for each Council member's own use. Mayor Johnson said that the two cities on the list shown with an asterisk are cities that have large tourist populations.
- ❖ The audit exit interview will be held tomorrow morning. Boyle Barrett, Montgomery and Irons said they would try to attend.
- ❖ City Administrator Schmidt announced that the President signed the disaster declaration so hopefully we will receive funding. He reported that right now we have a lift out on the streets taking down widow makers left from the storm, and we should have the transmission main cleared this week.

The Workshop was adjourned at 9:40 PM.



City Administrator Schmidt



Mayor Johnson