

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday October 29, 2007

7:00 pm

Andover Central Park Lodge

Minutes

Members Present: Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Julie Reams, Carol Roberts, Kevin Dreiling, Caroline Hale, Clark Nelson, J.R. Jessen. Members Present

Others in attendance: Public Works/Community Development Director Les Mangus, Management Assistant Sasha Stiles, City Clerk / Administrator Jeff Bridges

Guests: Mike Thompson, POE and Associates Engineering, Rob Ramseyer, Ritchie Associates, Brent Wooten, Baughman Engineering, Jeff Cartwright, MKEC Engineering, Greg Allison, MKEC Engineering, Randy Hargrove, Crescent Lakes Development, Gary Eply, Nies Construction, Scott Schneider, Cox Communications.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence. Call to Order

The first item discussed was the lot grading requirements. The guests in the audience had a discussion with the Council as whether a mandatory 2.0% lot grading standard was prudent or was something else advisable. The consensus of the group was that the standard should be 1.5% and to require a post construction grade certificate prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Lot grading standards

The next item discussed was the ongoing negotiations with Cox Communications related to their telephone service in Andover. Scott Schneider with Cox Communications was present. Cox has sent a letter to the Mayor outlining the steps they will take to accommodate the City in order to be allowed to sell phone service in Andover. Cox Telephone negotiations

The Council then talked about the Grant of Local Funds policy. Staff will develop a detailed application process to be used by individual groups who are seeking funding from the City. Grant of Local Funds Policy

The Special Assessment Policy was the next topic of discussion. There was reluctance on behalf of the Council to change the debt management policy but found that there are occasions to provide exceptions and allow the use of 20 year specials.

Special Assessment Policy

In addition the Council asked staff to prepare a draft amendment to the Special Assessment policy to outline new criteria for selection of projects to finance.

City Hall Needs Assessment

The issue of the update of the feasibility study for the City Hall was discussed. The Council concurred that Gossen Livingston should get the contract. Staff will contact the firm and get the necessary contracts for Council action.

Hike/Bike Path

The final discussion item was a request by Ben Lawrence of 948 N. Andover Road for assistance in water bills for the past summer due to the heavy watering necessary to keep the new sod along the Hike/Bike Path alive. The consensus of the Council was to have staff look into the issue to see if there was an error in the meter.

A motion was made by Kevin seconded by Kevin Dreiling, seconded by Julie Reams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6/0.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jeffrey K. Bridges, Jr.
City Clerk / Administrator

Approved this 27th day of November, 2007, by the City Council,
City of Andover.

Jeffrey K. Bridges, Jr.
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