

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, June 29, 2009

7:00 pm

Andover Central Park Lodge

Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Julie Reams, J.R. Jessen, Sheri Geisler, and Clark Nelson (arrived at 7:15 p.m.). Dave Tingley was absent.

Members Present

Others in attendance:

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Assistant City Administrator Shane Coelho, City Clerk Susan Renner, and Stormwater Operator Rick Lanzrath.

Guests:

Harrison Naff, County Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Scott Wilson, Michelle Sell, Denise Kelley, and Neil and Lisa Polly.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence.

Call to Order

Harrison Naff, Andover Scout Troop 533, gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project which will be a walking trail through Central Park. This trail would be the first of three phases.

Central Park trail update

Rick Lanzrath stated the project had been presented to the Park Planning Committee and received their approval.

The Council concurred it was a great project and wants the police and fire departments to look at the plans for their input before proceeding with the project.

Shane Coelho explained how a Neighborhood Revitalization Project was an incentive for property owners to make improvements on properties in certain pre-approved areas of town. Mr. Coelho explained that the program is administered by the County but must be approved by our City Council and before bringing a final plan for approval he would like the Council's input.

Neighborhood Revitalization Project

County Commissioner Masterson explained that the map of approved areas needs to be approved by the Council and can only be updated or changed every three years. Staff should make sure all pertinent areas are covered.

Council members Nelson and Reams both stated information needs to be distributed to the public via the city website and t.v. channel, newspaper and possibly town hall type meetings.

The Council concurred and authorized Mr. Coelho to move forward with the

development of the program.

Scott Wilson, Andover Chamber of Commerce President, gave an update on the direction the Chamber is taking and the changes in the structure of the organization. Chamber funding request

Mr. Wilson is asking the city to become the lead sponsor of the organization and to take their request into consideration in their 2010 budget.

Mayor Lawrence stated he was glad they were making changes and that the Council would take their request under consideration.

Sasha Stiles stated the GAD committee is at a point in the planning where funds need to be expended and the committee has no authority. Since the Chamber has stepped away from being the administrator of the event the city will need to. Greater Andover Days

Mrs. Stiles asked the Council if they felt comfortable with the funds for GAD being handled through the city and the allocation of some staff time to help with the organization of the event.

The Council concurred and Mrs. Stiles added the GAD committee will begin presenting financial reports on a regular basis.

Mayor Lawrence wanted to clarify where the Council is at with the trash franchising discussions prior to Mr. Polly speaking. Eagle Trash Service

Mayor Lawrence explained the trash franchising discussion began due to the Butler County landfill being under utilized. The landfill is trying to operate outside the mill levy and they either need to have more trash brought there or increase their tipping fees. The goal was to have Butler County residents trash taken to the Butler County landfill, offer curbside recycling, and lower costs for the citizens of Andover. Requests for proposals were sent out in an effort to get dollar amounts and services that could be offered. There has been no action taken by the Council.

Neil Polly, Eagle Trash Service of Sedgwick, gave a description of his company, their services, and how it came to be. Mr. Polly stated he is currently hauling the trash for roughly 1/3 of the city's residents to the Butler County landfill.

Mr. Polly is against the franchising of trash services and stated he, his wife and family would be gravely effected by this.

The Council thanked Mr. Polly for taking the time to express his concerns.

A motion was made by Council Member Reams, seconded by Council Member Jessen, at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner
City Clerk

Approved this 14th day of July, 2009 by the City Council, City of Andover.