

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION**  
**April 19, 2021**  
**City Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Jason Baskin, Michael Postma, Oballa Oballa, Joyce Poshusta and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert and Police Chief David McKichan

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: HRA Director Taggert Medgaarden

Mayor King opened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Item No. 1 – Mill Pond Apartments Proposal**

Mayor King stated the Council voted in the earlier meeting to give the Stencil group a due diligence period on the YMCA site.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Director Taggert Medgaarden stated he has not spoken with Three Rivers on the post office area building site or any other site in Austin. He stated if another site is chosen then it would be pushed back another year.

Council Member Postma asked if there was federal funding in the housing bill.

Mr. Medgaarden stated he did not know if there was funding in the bill.

Council Member Oballa asked if the site changed would it still be on track for a build this year.

Mr. Medgaarden stated no it would be pushed back a year.

Council Member Postma stated he would like to explore other downtown sites.

No Council action needed at this time.

**Item No. 2 – Shawback Hazardous Housing**

*The item was moved to the May 3, 2021 work session.*

**Item No. 3 – Bow Fishing**

Council Member Fischer stated he had a citizen inquire about bow fishing carp as a hobby. Currently, there is an ordinance for no discharge of a bow and arrow in City limits. He requested permission to bow fish in the City limits.

Police Chief McKichan stated the deer hunt is allowed with the event authorized by Council. He suggested modifying the language to allow for this type of activity.

Mayor King suggested Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Nelson come up with some language.

Mr. Nelson stated he is not fond of people with bows in the parks with no limitations. He stated he has limited interest in allowing the activity.

Mayor King suggested the citizen come forward with a group.

**Item No. 4 - Administrative Report**

None.

**Item No. 5 – Open Discussion**

Dave Hillier stated he was upset about the City providing free compost and it taking away from his business.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adjourning the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ann M. Kasel  
City Clerk