

MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2003
6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Rietz, Council Member-at-Large Goodnature, Council Members Jorgenson, Koch, Pacholl, Christopherson, Nordin, and Chamberlain,

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Erichson, Jim Hurm, and Tom Dankert (left 6:45), Jeanne Howatt, David Hoversten.

ALSO PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald. Austin Post Bulletin. Jon Boyer and Tim Camerer, Precision Signs.

Mayor Rietz announced that fundraising for the hanging flower baskets will be at a press conference on Wednesday, November 12 at 11:30 am.

- 1) Jon Boyer of Precision Signs attended the meeting to discuss the recent welcome sign matter. Council Member Goodnature requested that this item be saved for another work session when Craig Hoium would be in attendance. Jon Erichson has conferred with Mr. Hoium, who has said that the City is willing to pay for design costs. Mr. Boyer objected to the use of Precision Sign's artwork without their consent, questioned the bidding process, and stated that the two quotes were different in size (5x5' as opposed to 7x5'). Mr. Boyer requested that the City halt further progress on the sign until the matter is resolved. Mr. Boyer noted that his company has spent 19 months on the project. A special work session was set for November 17 at 4:15-5:15 pm to discuss this. Craig Hoium will include in the agenda backup a memo from himself and a memo from Jon Boyer on this issue.
- 2) Community of the Whole Process discussion. City Administrator Jim Hurm suggested that if council members think an item on Matters in Hand should be discussed, let him know so that it can be placed on an agenda. He said that he would try to update the 'current status' in the Pending list more frequently to update the council members. Mayor Rietz said that Council does not need to stay with all one committee or all separate committees; this could be discussed. Mr. Hurm said he may assign one council member to work with staff on any one item so as to move matters more swiftly. It was noted that some council put in a lot more time than we do.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adjourning the work session at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted,

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