

MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION
May 2, 2016
City Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Stiehm, Council Members Steve King, Michael Jordal, Jeremy Carolan, Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, David Hagen and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Assistant City Attorney Steve Hovey

ALSO PRESENT: Jon Erichson, Susan Strandberg, Austin Daily Herald, Public

Mayor Stiehm opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Item No. 1 – Work Force Housing

Housing and Redevelopment Director Jon Erichson provided Council with an update on workforce housing in Austin. The HRA is continuing to with Three Rivers Community Action to apply for 2016 tax credits to be used for a workforce housing project at Fox Pointe. In 2015, the Council approved tax increment financing for the project but the project was not awarded funding from the State. The HRA is once again going to apply for a State grant for the project with the application being due in June of 2016. The Hormel Foundation has committed to matching funds for the purchase of the property up to \$175,000 and the HRA Board is in support of the project.

One change to the project is that the number of units has increased from 30 to 38 units. The decision from the State on the grant application will be made in October of 2016. Construction would take place in 2017 if the project is approved. The property would need to be replatted and other issues with surrounding property owners worked out.

Mr. Erichson requested the Council reaffirm their support of the project and to modify the units to 38 units.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Hagen, reaffirming Council participation in a 38 unit HRA workforce housing project a Fox Pointe. Carried.

The item will be placed on the May 16, 2016 Council Meeting.

Item No. 2 – Closed Session-Pending Litigation

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, to close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(b), for review of pending litigation. Carried.

[See DVD of Closed Meeting](#)

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, to reopen the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Carried.

Item No. 3 – Closed Session-City Administrator Job Review

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, to close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(a), for employee evaluation. Carried.

[See DVD of Closed Meeting](#)

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, to reopen the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Carried.

Item No. 4 – 2016 Proposed Council Goals.

City Administrator Craig Clark presented the 2016 Council Goals and the Council discussed the various goals.

After additional discussion, moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Enright, to recommended approval of the 2016 Council goals. Carried.

The item will be added to the May 16, 2016 Council Meeting.

Item No. 5 – Administrative Report

No Report.

Item No. 6 – Open Discussion

Council Member-at-Large Anderson suggested a walking track for the rec center.

Mayor Stiehm stated the matter is still being negotiated.

She added that she would like Vision 2020 to come and provide additional information as to what they would like for community options.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adjourning the work session at 7:47 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk