

MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION
February 5, 2018
City Hall Conference Room A

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Stiehm, Council Members Paul Fischer, Jeff Austin (5:51 p.m.), Steve King, Judy Enright, Laura Helle (5:21 p.m.) and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

ABSENT: Council Member David Hagen

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, City Clerk Ann Kasel

ALSO PRESENT: Austin Utilities General Manager Mark Nibaur, Mike Cooper, Austin Daily Herald, Public

Mayor Stiehm opened the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Item No. 1 – G & R Truck Wash Note Modification

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve a modified note and subordination agreement with G & R Truck Wash. The City passed a special assessment for unpaid strong waste charges from G & R Truck Wash by Resolution No. 14553 in the original amount of \$190,913.52. The note for the repayment of the assessment has been extended multiple times by the Council and currently has an outstanding balance of \$117,625.14. G & R Truck Wash is trying to refinance the property with Bank Midwest and take out a new loan in the amount of \$1,200,000 and is requesting the City subordinate its assessment to the new mortgage. In consideration, for the subordination G & R Truck Wash would pay all strong waste charges up to date, pay an additional assessment in the original amount of \$4,500 plus any interest, and make a \$60,000 payment on the assessment balance. A new note for the assessment balance would be executed in the amount of \$58,147.20 and extending the maturity date to January 1, 2021.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, authorizing a subordination agreement and modified note with G & R Truck Wash, LTD of Austin. Carried.

The item will be placed on the February 5, 2018 Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Helle, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the work session at 5:21 to attend the City Council meeting.

Mayor Stiehm reopened the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Item No. 2 – Bruins Contract Review

Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood presented the proposed Austin Bruins contract for Council consideration. She stated the rent for the Bruins will start at \$6,227 per month for the next three years during play time with an increase each year. There were also other minor language changes.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving a contract with the Austin Bruins.

The item will be placed on the February 20, 2018 Council agenda.

Item No. 3 – Critical Water Usage Ordinance

Austin Utilities General Manager Mark Nibaur requested the Council adopt an ordinance for water usage in a critical deficiency. Mr. Nibaur stated the legislature passed a law requiring water providers to have a city ordinance that will enforce water conservation restrictions when the governor declares a critical water deficiency.

Council Member Helle asked about the fine for violations of the ordinance.

Mr. Nibaur stated the fee would be in accordance with the City's administrative fine schedule and collected on the customer's utility bill.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the proposed critical water usage ordinance. Carried.

The item will be placed on the February 20, 2018 Council Agenda.

Item No. 4 – Stop Sign Requests

18th Drive & 1st Avenue SE

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a stop sign request at the intersection of 18th Drive and 1st Avenue SE. He stated there has been increased traffic with the opening of IJ Holton school and the sign would help clarify traffic movements.

19th Street & 2nd Avenue NW

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a stop sign request at the intersection of 19th Street and 2nd Avenue NW, creating a 4-way stop at the intersection. Traffic in the area has increased in the area with the Corcoran Center being used for the school district and Mr. Lang stated the sign would help with traffic movements.

2nd Avenue & 14th Street NW Service Road

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a stop sign request at the intersection of 2nd Avenue & 14th Street NW on the service road. He stated all the other service road connections on the road have stop signs except for this one. When Comfortcare was in the area, they used the service road as a one-way but now it is used as a two-way road.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving stop sign requests 18th Drive & 1st Avenue SE, 19th Street & 2nd Avenue NW and 2nd Avenue & 14th Street NW. Carried.

The items will be placed on the February 20, 2018 Council agenda.

Item No. 5 – Administrative Report

City Administrator Craig Clark stated staff is preparing for the retreat on February 28th which will include discussions on diversity, housing, and the comp and classification study.

Item No. 6 - Open Discussion

None.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the work session at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk