MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Center August 15, 2022

The meeting of Standing Committees met at the Community Center at 5:20 p.m. on August 15, 2022, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Councilmembers Susan deBuhr, Kelly Dunn, Daryl Kruse, Simon Harding, Dustin Ganfield, Gil Schultz, and Dave Sires. Staff members from all City Departments and members of the community attended in person.

Committee of the Whole:

Chair Harding called the meeting to order and introduced the only item on the agenda, Fireworks follow-up and introduced Acting Police Chief Mark Howard; he stated overall success of the ordinance and suggested changes moving forward regarding dates and times. Councilmembers discussed Public Safety staff overtime, language regarding dates and times allowed, and misdemeanor wording and fines.

Councilmember Ganfield moved that staff bring forward revisions to the ordinance regarding misdemeanor language and fines; Councilmember Schultz seconded. Following comments and questions by Councilmembers Schultz, Dunn, deBuhr, and Sires and responses by City Attorney Kevin Rogers and Public Safety Director Craig Berte, the motion was put to vote. Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield, Sires, and Dunn; Nay: none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn moved that staff bring forward recommended changes to the ordinance regarding dates and times; Councilmember Ganfield seconded. Following questions and comments by Councilmembers Kruse, Harding, and Ganfield and responses by City Attorney Rogers, the motion was put to vote. Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield, Sires, and Dunn; Nay: none. Motion carried.

Finance & Business Operations Committee:

Chair Dunn introduced the only item on the agenda, Downtown Public Parking Structure and introduced City Clerk Jacque Danielsen; she outlined the potential for a downtown parking structure, the background of recent parking studies and implementations, and the City Council goal to explore all options of the parking structure and reevaluation of paid parking options. Ms. Danielsen introduced Lexie Heath, past chair of the Community Main Street (CMS) Board of Directors; Ms. Heath read a letter of support from CMS to the City. Ms. Danielsen stated the City has no recommendations at this time and requests Council direction. Councilmembers discussed return to paid parking, total paid vs. partial paid parking, and consideration of private partnership for the structure.

Chair Dunn asked for the motion to have staff bring options for a parking structure, including funding; Councilmember Harding so moved; Councilmember Ganfield seconded. Councilmember deBuhr requested an amendment to add consideration of return to paid parking; Councilmember Harding seconded amendment. Chair Dunn opened for public comment. Wayne Jacobson, 91 River Ridge Road, commented in support of the parking structure and encouraged Council to think outside the box and explore parking alternatives on Clay Street including angled parking. Following questions and comments by Councilmembers Sires, Kruse, and deBuhr and responses by City Administrator Ron Gaines, the motion was put to the vote. Aye: Schultz, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield and Dunn; Nay: deBuhr and Sires. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee:

Chair Schultz introduced the only item on the agenda, Safety Improvements – 6th & State to 6th & Main and introduced City Engineer David Wicke; he outlined the existing street and features, provided crash data over the last 10 years, and explained potential improvements. Councilmembers discussed minimum street width requirements, safety concerns for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, crosswalk striping, traffic signage, and traffic mirrors. Operations and Maintenance Division Manager Brian Heath stated that these items will be considered and analyzed.

Community Development Committee:

Chair Harding introduced the only item on the agenda, Clarification of Private Shared Parking Requirements Referral to Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission and introduced Planning and Community Services Manager Karen Howard; she noted that Council referred this to committee so

they could clarify their petition to the Planning & Zoning Commission; she indicated previous presentation materials as included in the meeting packet, and staff was available to answer questions.

Councilmember Dunn motioned to petition P&Z to remove the shared parking requirement; Councilmember Schultz seconded. Councilmembers requested clarity on removing only mandatory, not voluntary shared parking. Councilmember Kruse requested amending the motion to include changing the required stall for residential from .75 to 1 space per bedroom; Councilmember Kruse so motioned; Councilmember deBuhr seconded. The amendment was put to the vote - remove the residential shared parking requirement and include .75 to 1 space per bedroom - Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield, Sires, and Dunn; Nay: none. Chair Harding requested a vote to the motion on the floor. Chair Harding requested striking "residential" before "mandatory" and adding "residential" after "change" so the motion reads: Refer to P&Z to remove the shared parking with amendment to change residential from .75 to 1 space. The motion was put to the vote: Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield, Sires, and Dunn; Nay: none.

Chair Harding declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes by Katie Terhune, Administrative Assistant