
City Council Work Session - September 20, 2022

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuesser

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

Councilmember Charles Brewer

Councilmember Kellie Harrold

Councilmember Matthew Hickey

Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett

Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Staff Present:

City Manager Seth Duncan

Finance Director Barbara Denny

Human Resources Manager Sarah Ramirez

Fire Chief Michael Regal

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

1. Welcome and Call To Order Mayor Mike Fuesser
2. Prayer Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
3. Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Mike Fuesser
4. Discussions
 - York Police Department Recruitment and Retention
Lt. Kevin Hoffman with York Police Department delivered a presentation to Council regarding ideas to improve recruitment and retention within the York Police Department. The presentation included a comparison between the City's current pay structure and those of surround agencies. Lt. Hoffman presented two potential opportunities for adjustments for Council to consider that would increase the City's ability to compete and retain officers. Phase 1 would adjust most pay grades by one or two grades providing a positive impact for 29 current York Police Department employees. The total cost of Phase I would be approximately \$55,500. Phase II, would implement an incentive program for current and future officers and provide opportunities to continue earning incentives as careers move forward. The total cost of Phase II would be approximately \$88,000. After the presentation, Council discussed the options and costs of each phase.
 - Panhandling Ordinance
 - Loitering Ordinance
 - Camping on Public Property Ordinance

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Councilmember Hickey led a discussion with Council regarding the need for ordinances restricting persons begging, panhandling, or soliciting contributions in a public space or other locations, a loitering ordinance, and camping on public property ordinance. Councilmember Hickey stated that his goal was to begin discussing this issue with Council and working the Municipal Association to see how this type of ordinance could be implemented and enforced. Council generally agreed that more research and discussion was needed due to an increase in homelessness in downtown and camping in certain places. Lt. Dale Edwards shared his insight into the homelessness issue in York as well as Anslee Moss who shared her perspective as a provider of services to the areas homeless population.

- Social Districts

Councilmember Jarrett led a discussion with Council around the idea of creating Social Districts in York modeled after a recently passed ordinance in Charlotte. City Manager Duncan shared his research on the topic and recommended that the City might be able to achieve the results intended by defining the footprint of an area that allow open alcoholic consumption during events.

- Duke Energy EV Park & Plug

City Manager Duncan presented to Council the Board of Architectural Review's approved location for the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) Park & Plug charging station at City Hall. Council discussed the location and particulars regarding how users will pay for electricity and potential revenue sharing opportunities for the City.

- Fall Clean-up Day – October 15

Mayor Fuesser invited everyone to assist in a fall litter clean-up event planned for Saturday, October 15th. Mayor Fuesser indicated that he would like to see clean-up efforts in all district and asked for Councilmembers to let him know if they wanted to participate and he would make sure they got litter pick-up supplies.

Mayor Fuesser also mentioned that this coming Saturday, the installation of the Gold Star Families Monument dedication would take place at noon.

5. Adjourn

Councilmember Hickey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Seth Duncan
City Manager