
City Council Work Session February 19, 2024

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 19, 2024, 5:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuesser
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Matthew Hickey

Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett
Councilmember Charles Brewer
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Members Absent:

Councilmember Kellie Harrold

Staff Present:

City Manager Dalton Pierce
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig
Finance Director Jeff Wilkins
Fire Chief Mike Regal

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez
Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas
Parks & Rec Director Chris White
Community Events Coordinator Chloe Jones

Participants:

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Fuesser

- Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mike Fuesser

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1. White Rose Festival

Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas provided a presentation regarding a proposal to rebrand the York Summerfest to become the White Rose Festival. The various reasons for rebranding York Summerfest are the increasing summer temperatures, trademark infringement, vendor responses, and it better coordinates with the new school schedule. The changes that would occur are the name change to better reflect the history of the City, the event will be held the third Saturday in September, and the layout will be more consolidated to enhance logistics and reduce the dispersion of police officers. Everything else about the event will remain the same, including the golf tournament the day before the event, the car show, entertainment for children, entertainment stages, and various vendors.

Council had varying opinions regarding the change. Some wanted to go ahead and change the event this year. Others expressed concern that the short notice without an announcement to the public beforehand would cause issues, but otherwise it is an excellent idea due to public feedback about the heat in past seasons. Council suggested holding the event as usual in August, possibly scaling back the hours of the event, and announcing that next year the event will change to the White Rose Festival and be held in September. Council inquired if sponsorships would be effected, in which

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Ms. Mestas stated that sponsorships and the School Board are still supportive of the event, whether it remains York Summerfest or changes to White Rose Festival.

Council plans to take action on this item at the regular Council meeting in March.

5. DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Highway Commercial District Zoning

City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that Planning Director David Breakfield identified an issue with the zoning ordinance for the Highway Commercial District. When the B1 standards were recently revised, numerous land uses that were formerly allowed by right are now allowed conditionally or by special exception. The intent was to clean up the language rather than restrain the commercial district by special exception. Next week, the Planning Commission meets, and they can provide a recommendation. The First Reading will be held in March and a Public Hearing/Second Reading will be held in April. Council inquired if an amendment can be made to only the first bullet point, where it states, "1. Any use permitted in any B-1 zoning district, subject to standards set forth in this section." City Manager Pierce confirmed that it would be acceptable. The Planning Department will continue to review the Ordinance to ensure the accuracy of the language in each section. The First Reading in March will be based on the recommendations by the Planning Commission.

5.2 Green Street Park Conceptual

City Manager Dalton Pierce presented the Green Street Park Conceptual. In the FY23-24 Adopted Budget, the first park project in the 2021 Parks Master Plan was approved to be completed. \$325,000 of Impact Fees were allotted for the Green Street Park. The conceptual is high-level that demonstrates the most activities available for the park with four additional parking spaces, swings, a slide, pickleball court, basketball court, a decorative fence, and nice landscaping. City staff requests feedback from Council for the conceptual plan that has been provided. Council provided ideas that will be placed into a revised conceptual plan that will go out to Bid. Council's concern is if the City will be spending money on an unwanted park, but the money was allocated to the City-owned parks.

5.3 Derelict Structures

City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that the line item for derelict structures was increased to \$15,000. Staff provided a list of derelict structures in the area. The purpose of the list and photos is for Council to review and provide appropriate recommendations for how the City should proceed. There may be grants, such as CDBG grants, to assist in the process. The approximate cost to demolish all of the derelict structures currently listed is \$125,000. Council discussed contacting owners, incentives for forfeiture or selling the properties, the potential legalities involved with each structure, and moving forward with the process of each property on the list by potentially holding special meetings for each property over a period of time.

5.4 Ordinance 24-717, Amendment FY23-24 Rates & Fees

City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that the Legacy Software for building permits is challenging to make adjustments for the fees. When adopted, the fees were \$1,725 as the base for the \$500,000 level. Although there is nothing wrong with this base, with the challenges the software presents it is simpler to make an amendment instead. So, the new base will be \$1,925 upon Council's approval. A First Reading will be held in March and the Public Hearing/Second Reading will be held in April.

5.5 FY24-25 Budget Kick Off

City Manager Dalton Pierce provided a preliminary overview of the upcoming budget for FY24-25. The overview covered items such as staff, recycling services, capital projects, downtown initiatives, an update to the 2016 Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan, elements to the Comprehensive Plan,

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impact fees, and grant programs. During the overview, City Manager Pierce stated that a Bid will go out for a fire truck soon. Also, Discussion took place about the recycling services and whether the City wanted to continue to provide the services or provide other viable alternatives to the public that wishes to continue recycling.

6. ADJOURN

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously. The Meeting Adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig
Municipal Clerk