

Committee of the Whole

July 25, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance: Barry Porter – Mayor, Pamela Kamm (via phone, does not count toward quorum), Al Delgado, Keith Desserich, Jennifer Eismeier, and Jenni McCauley

Staff members in attendance: Lynn Tetley – City Manager, Terry Vanderman – Community Development Director, and Steve Ballinger – Police Sergeant

Others present: Dov Rosenberg, Lily Rosenberg, Judy Carter, and Subhadra Suresh

Proposed Mural at 500 Wyoming Avenue – Presentation from Wyoming Art Show Committee

Ms. Carter provided a brief presentation about an idea from the Wyoming Art Show Committee to place a mural on the wall of 500 Wyoming Avenue, facing Oak Avenue. The concept would be painted windows on the side of the building that would have historical images “inside” three windows and children “inside” two of the windows. The Art Show Committee is interested in offering this as a public art offering for the community. The Committee has not approved funding toward this project but the purpose of the discussion was to obtain feedback from City Council on this idea. Another idea for a future public art projects is painted utility boxes, which was recently done in Clifton. The cost of the mural would be paid for by the Wyoming Art Show Committee and the paint used is permanent and sealed to protect from the elements. The Committee has identified a local artist who has expressed interest in assisting to complete the mural. The 500 Wyoming Avenue building is in the Historic District, however nothing would prevent or regulate the mural. Ms. Tetley contacted Ms. Supinger about regulations and how other communities handle or regulate mural requests. This will be researched and information will be provided to City Council at a later time. The artist said it would take six weeks to complete the mural. The Art Show Committee will be voting on the allocation of funds in October and would seek to paint the mural in the spring of 2017. City Council was very supportive of the concept but will need to gather further information from Ms. Supinger.

City Dog Ordinance (505.20 Maximum of Two Dogs) Discussion

Mr. Delgado read the email received from Lily Rosenberg regarding the City restriction on the maximum number of dogs allowed per household. Mayor Porter recalled the ordinance was adopted to avoid the presence of breeders and kennels in the community. Ms. McCauley recalled it was also brought about by complaints of neighbors regarding the number of dogs on smaller lots. Ms. McCauley spoke that the true concern is when the presence of any number of dogs becomes a nuisance. Sgt. Ballinger stated the Police Department does not proactively seek violations of this ordinance but has utilized this ordinance one time in the past, based on his knowledge, when a complaint of a nuisance was received. Ms. Rosenberg felt the nuisance dog ordinance could address any potential issues and the maximum number of dogs is simply excessive regulation. Mayor Porter stated that City Council will discuss this issue and determine next steps, if any. Sgt. Ballinger stated the dog maximum is not particularly helpful or necessary to the Police Department, as the Police can utilize the nuisance ordinance to address issues when they arise. Mayor Porter referred the matter to the Law Committee for further consideration.

Civic Center Lobby Design Update

The City was awarded \$127,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to improve ADA compliance at the Civic Center. This will allow the lobby area to be reconfigured to add a men’s restroom

to the main level. Ms. Tetley provided renderings of the design concept for the lobby renovation, as well as alternate project additions for a porch covering, an outside patio area, and replacement windows throughout the building. Once cost estimates for all aspects of the project are received, these will be submitting to City Council to consider during the Capital Improvement Project review process. No changes were suggested to the plans as presented.

Miscellaneous

The City was recently awarded Clean Ohio grant funds and Ohio EPA 319 grant funds to complete the replanting of Stearns Woods and the restoration of Cilley Creek. A project summary sheet will be mailed to all adjacent neighbors in advance of the project. A copy of this summary sheet was provided to City Council.

Mr. Desserich asked if it would be helpful for residents who attend City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings be given an overview of process and expectations of citizen participation. Mayor Porter stated that a something would be prepared to be said at City Council meetings prior to the citizen participation portion of the agenda that would clarify the process and managing expectations. Ms. Tetley will also develop a tab for the City website that provides information for residents on how to make their opinions known to City Council and Staff.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Eismeier to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Mr. Delgado. All ayes by roll call.

Approved:

Barry Porter, Mayor