

Committee of the Whole

October 24, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance: Barry Porter, Al Delgado, Pamela Kamm, Jim O'Reilly, Keith Desserich, Jennifer Eismeier, and Jenni McCauley

Staff members in attendance: Lynn Tetley – City Manager, Terry Vanderman – Community Development Director, Terry Huxel – Public Works Director, Mike Lippert – Assistant Public Works Director, and Megan Statt-Blake – Assistant Community Development Director

Others present: Judy Carter – Art Show Committee and Bill Kamm

Discussion of Murals – Planning Commission Report

Ms. McCauley reported regarding the Planning Commission review of the draft mural legislation. While the Planning Commission did not have concerns specific to the mural proposed by the Art Show Committee, they did have concerns of allowing murals in the community. Planning Commission felt allowing murals would possibly create community conflict and administrative difficulties for City staff. The draft legislation would regulate placement of murals on commercial buildings and limit them to one wall only, additionally, murals would require a building permit. Ms. McCauley felt that murals should only be allowed with specific themes that are appropriate to the community. Mr. Delgado asked if the City could approve the requested mural on the 500 Wyoming Avenue building. Ms. Supinger stated that the sign ordinance is silent on murals and the definition of sign in our code would not apply to murals, thus the placement of murals would not currently be prohibited within the City. The draft legislation was crafted to provide some parameters for the placement of these items in the community. Of further note, the draft recommended sign ordinance language developed by MVRMA specifically does not regulate murals or other works of public art. Any review process associated with the placement of murals would be required to be content and design neutral. Ms. McCauley stated the Planning Commission has concerns that murals would create community conflict and would also have a negative economic impact on the community. Ms. Carter stated on behalf of the Art Show Committee, the group wishes to paint a historical mural that highlights the City's history and would ideally bring visitors to the community. Ms. McCauley stated that she prefers not to define or regulate murals and simply allow the mural on the 500 Wyoming Avenue building. The CIC will meet on November 4 to review the proposed mural on the 500 Wyoming Avenue building and will need direction from City Council on the request. Council consensus was to advise the CIC to allow the mural to be attached to the 500 Wyoming Avenue building. Additionally, Council consensus was to forward the existing draft legislation for consideration at the November City Council meeting.

Springfield Pike Water Main Replacement Loan Application

Mr. Lippert reported that he has identified a loan program for the Springfield Pike Water main Replacement Project. The project would extend a new water main from Reily Road to the south corporation limit. The project cost is \$1.3 million and would take four months for construction. This could be completed in early 2018 in advance of the road construction project. The loan program would not require the first loan payment until 2019. The Finance Director has determined this loan payment could be absorbed into the water operating budget. Ms. Eismeier suggested bidding the water main to the north of Reily as an alternate to the base project bid to see if the entire project may be possible. Council will review a resolution authorizing the loan application in December of this year.

Recreation Center Renovation Update

Ms. Tetley and Mr. Huxel provided a brief update on the renovation project to date. The project is slightly behind schedule, but still projected to be complete by the summer 2017 in time for Day Camp. There is currently \$15,000 in remaining contingency for this project and City Staff is seeking an additional \$75,000 in funding for possible future project change orders. This will be on the November City Council agenda for consideration.

Senior Commission Discussion

Mr. Porter stated that he had concerns about the proposed ordinance to eliminate the Senior Commission because it states the commission is being "eliminated." He is concerned this may cause concern in the community that the work of the commission is no longer being handled. Ms. Supinger stated that word was used because the intent of the legislation is to no longer have a Senior Commission in existence. Ms. Tetley stated that all of the identified needs and programming of the commission have been transferred to the day to day operation and management of City staff and in regard to programming, the Recreation Commission. Ms. Supinger will add language better explaining the reasons for the change. This will be on the November City Council agenda.

December 2017 City Council Meeting Date

Mayor Porter asked members if they wish to move the meeting date of the December 2017 to the second Monday. Council agreed to move the date one week early. This will be on a future City Council agenda.

Miscellaneous

Mr. O'Reilly provided an explanation as to why Glendale received quiet zone funds for a crossing. This was related to this crossing being listed as a highly dangerous crossing.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Eismeier to go into executive session under Section 121.22 (G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code to Discuss Imminent Litigation with the City Solicitor at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kamm. All ayes.

Council left executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Adjourn

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

Approved:

Barry Porter, Mayor