

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1670 STIEGER LAKE LANE
VICTORIA, MINNESOTA**

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Funk called the regular City Council meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Tom Funk; Council members Judy Black, Tom Gregory and Tom Vogt.

Absent: Deb McMillan

Staff Present: City Manager Dana Hardie, Community Development Director Pat Smith, Senior Planner Paul Moretto, City Clerk Cindy Patnode and City Attorney Robert Vose.

Others Present: Finance Committee member Jon Carlson, Planning Commission Chair Scott Stensland and PC Alternate Applicant Terry Schwarting.

No others were in attendance.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Downtown Area Underdeveloped Properties

Community Development Director Smith led the discussion and requested Council direction on how to move forward on underdeveloped properties within the downtown area of the city. Staff reached out to the four owners (Roger Narkie/Gannon/Kelly Green/Leuthner) of the properties in question to assess their interest in potentially redeveloping their property. The property owners varied in response from no interest, possibly land swap, no response, and would sell their property.

Staff would like to work on a Southwest (SW) Transit Grant for the Rose Street/Hwy 5 property regarding a parking structure.

Council's concern is in the compromised soils and the cost to mitigate that property; if Carver County is actually in the taxing district to be awarded the SW Grant; parking ramp specifications, taxing impact, contamination issues and clean-up costs.

Council has interest in staff pursuing the use of the old public works facility (off of Stieger Lake Lane) as a parking location. Staff stated a project in the Strategic Plan to conduct a space needs assessment would achieve the determination if this would be viable.

Consensus of the Council was to direct staff to get specifics on and report findings at a future Council meeting:

- parking ramp specifications
- tax impact of these projects
- contamination and clean-up costs of Rose Street/Hwy 5 property
- availability of the SW Grant
- conduct a space needs assessment to determine use of the old Public Works building site

City Owned Lots

Community Development Director Smith led the discussion on the potential sale of four, city owned vacant lots located at 6735 Smithtown Road, 6370 Maple Drive, 8420 Victoria Drive [County Road 11], and the NW corner of 81st Street and Trillium Trail.

Council consensus is to direct staff to proceed with working with local realtors and builders to determine a list price for each lot, hold open house meetings for each property and additionally, check into the maintenance and property tax costs to determine if there is an asset value.

Wireless/Sensor Parking Monitoring

Senior Planner Moretto informed the Council on the findings of parking management programs he researched which included: a camera based system, ground sensor option and pay station parking management.

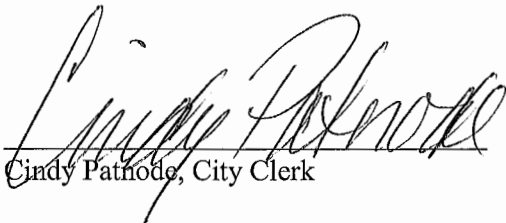
Council consensus was that it was cost prohibitive/premature at this time; discussed that parking issues are more pronounced on Friday and Saturday evenings; and the old Public Works location should be investigated for parking, taking into consideration that the soils may be contaminated as it was previously a dump.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vogt, seconded by Black, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Cindy Pathode, City Clerk


Thomas C. Funk, Mayor