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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Commission

Dan Holladay, Mayor
Carol Pauli, Commission President
Brian Shaw, Rocky Smith, Jr., Renate Mengelberg

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Joint Work Session with the Natural Resources Committee

1. Convene Joint Work Session

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Commissioner Brian Shaw, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Carol Pauli, Mayor Dan Holladay, Member Ginger Redlinger, Member Doug Neeley, Member Bill Clark and Member Douglas DeHart

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Renate Mengelberg

Staffers: 10 - Community Development Director Tony Konkol, Public Works Director John Lewis, Library Director Maureen Cole, Human Resources Director Jim Loeffler, Community Services Director Scott Archer, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Captain Greg Fryett, Assistant City Recorder Jaime Reed, Planner Pete Walter and Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner

3 Discussion Items

3a. Natural Resources Committee Update

Tony Konkol, Interim City Manager, said this was a joint meeting with the Natural Resources Committee (NRC) to provide an update and discuss the work of the NRC.

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed the accomplishments of the NRC over the last few years.

Ginger Redlinger, NRC Chair, said the NRC had three questions to discuss with the Commission. The first was what was the best way to continue to ensure open dialogue between the Natural Resources Committee and City Commission and other City departments and groups. The second was how should the recommendations made by the NRC be processed and acted upon by City staff and committees. The third was what was the best way to continue to enhance inter and intra communications between the NRC and City Commission and other City departments and groups. She thought some suggestions were included in the revised NRC bylaws.

Mr. Walter explained the process the NRC took to revise the bylaws.

Mr. Neeley thought working with the Planning Department made sense and they

could collaborate with the Parks and Public Works departments when needed.

Commissioner Pauli would like to know the NRC's goals for the Commission's goal setting process.

Commissioner Shaw thought the NRC should give the Commission an annual update.

Commissioner Smith thought there should be a process for staff to check-in with all City committees to see if they had any items to bring to the Commission before the Commission Retreat in January.

Mayor Holladay clarified the January Retreat was planned to be a Commission Goals progress update not a revision of goals.

Mr. Konkol asked the Commission to consider what specific goals or projects the NRC could work on, the NRC would like direction from the Commission on their work plan and he asked for the NRC's role to be defined more clearly when issues arise involving other departments with existing Committees in place. If there are specific projects they should work on they need to budget for them in the next biennium to get more accomplished. He added there are various avenues they could focus on like education, finding Grants, or Tree City, and asked the Commission to think about this over the next year before the next budget cycle.

Commissioner Smith stated the scope of NRC had been more narrow and focused on the Cove, he wanted to know what the status of that project was and if that was still the main focus of the NRC.

Mr. DeHart said the committee is willing to work on new challenges, but would like more direction. He asked the Commission when they would approve of the revised NRC bylaws. Mayor Holladay suggested they be added to the consent agenda of the next Commission Meeting.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder