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COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

October 6, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:40 p.m. on October 6, 2022.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (4): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, and Council Member Marvin Taylor.

Not Present (1): Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION

Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Bill Harrell gave a Law Enforcement Presentation to Council. Sergeant Harrell covered a wide variety of topics including investigations, body cam procedures, drones, K9 units, task force teams, pursuits, use of force reporting, and community engagements. Sergeant Harrell stated he expects his team is to treat people like they would want their loved ones to be treated.

4. DOG PARK

Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell gave Council a brief update on a potential dog park. Superintendent Yokiell stated they initially had a discussion with Marathon Refinery about a potential dog park at the south end of 10th Avenue. They have since met with Marathon and discussed a different location which would be on 5th Avenue and 2nd Street. The dog park would be approximately five acres in size. Most dog parks have a fenced in smaller area for little dogs. The next step is to get a quote for fencing. From there we could discuss if Marathon could help with a joint effort. Mayor Elliott stated the dog park was the second priority that came out of the parks survey.

5. DISPLAY CASES

Mayor Elliott stated we have several display cases in the new building. The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) can use the display case near the Council Chambers. The Fire Department can use the display case in the training room. The Police Department can be used the far-right section of the main entrance display case closest to the police area. Mayor Elliott inquired if Council would be interested in offering up the two remaining sections of the main entrance display case to local artists. Local artists could display their pottery, paintings, glass work, etc. Staff should work with the City Attorney to create a waiver. Mayor Elliott stated we would allow one artist at a time to display/sell their art.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Assistant Brierley stated future meeting agenda items include the CIP Budget, City Hall Open House, and THC discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:45 p.m. on October 6, 2022

Respectfully submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor