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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2022

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor Morris Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following Councilmember's were present:

Mayor Clay Morris

MPT Russell Rupertus

Alderman Sherwood Green

Alderman Gil Madray

Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones

Alderman David Welch

The following staff was present:

Director Brad Helman

City Secretary Debbie Nesbitt

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Morris called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance lead by Alderman Green to the U.S. and Texas flags.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:

5.1 Discussion on a proposed beach user fee plan. Madray

Alderman Madray gave a report on the possibility of a paid beach plan, explained that he had gone to Austin and visited with the GLO and got the information to present this plan to council. Alderman Welch's concerns were for the STR owners, how they would pay for the annual pass, possible stickers, "do we even need to do this, pay by app, and show the paid barcode to the officers". MPT Rupertus stated that this is a good plan however he is not in favor of the plan, and voiced concerns that it would not solve the over crowding issues. Alderman Green said we have not raised taxes in several years, and it would cost the city to hire additional staff to work the beach. Alderwoman Jones stated that she thought the City had to provide amenities if we had a paid beach, and to clarify what Alderman Madray reported, "we do not have to provide amenities". Alderman Madray said no we do not.

5.2 Discussion on Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Operation Plan. Quintero

Director of Operations Robert Quintero was absent, will present at a later date.

5.3 Discussion about 2023 budgetary wish list.

Mayor Morris asked council to discuss their budget wish lists for the upcoming year.

Here are some of the wish list items:

Splash pad, Pickle ball court, community garden, event center, purchase the vacant lots next to the park, walkway to the beach, adding a marine division, keep a couple boats and jet skis there for emergency access, new fencing around the treatment plant. Maintain everything, beautification, adding more stop signs, dead end signs. Look into paving West End Road. Look at drainage, code enforcement issues, billboard project out front

5.4 Discussion on upcoming FY 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

City Secretary asked for specific project's council wanted to address and work on for the upcoming budget year, next phase of the water line replacement project, Water/Wastewater treatment plant rehab, additional road repairs, beautification.

5.5 Discussion and set dates for budget workshops.

Mayor Morris asked council to prioritize budget projects and will set budget workshop meetings before our regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by MPT Rupertus, motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:52 pm.