

## MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016 HELD AT THE TEMPORARY CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING #15 NORTHPOINT DRIVE AT 1:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order.

**TIME:** The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 1:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lansford, Councilwoman Tara Bedei, Councilman Ed Brozak, Councilman Brian Crouch and Councilman William Phelan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Scot Wrighton, Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk, Jeremy Palm, City Engineer and Police Chief, Kurt Pastirik and Deputy Police Chief Robert Turner Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jacob Bramel, candidate running for 76<sup>th</sup> District Representative introduced himself and stated he would like to meet and talk to any City Council members that wished to discuss the needs of the City.

Dave and Diana Harlan, residents of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street requested help from Council regarding the property at 217 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, stating that it is a rental property that has become a nuisance to the neighborhood. Police Chief, Kurt Pastirik stated he would meet with them following the meeting.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### 1.) POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE

City Manager, Scot Wrighton stated that the Mayor had requested the two items presented be discussed; 1) pertaining to craft distilleries and 2) recent State legislation regarding "happy hours". Mayor Lansford questioned Council as to their thoughts on the draft ordinance presented to them. Council stated they were happy with the document as drafted and it was their consensus to take action on the ordinance at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Lansford then questioned whether there was any other parts of the liquor code that Council wished to discuss. Councilwoman Bedei stated that she has been asked by a few people about direct/indirect sales at events. Council discussed the pros and cons of allowing these types of sales of alcohol. Wrighton stated that he could draft language that would allow the sales, but first wanted to make sure that the majority of the Council wished him to do so. Mayor Lansford and Councilman Brozak stated they were not in favor of pursuing this. Councilman Phelan, Councilwoman Bedei and Councilman Crouch wished to proceed with discussion and draft wording.

##### 2.) CONCEPT BLOCK UPDATE/ADDITIONAL DECISIONS REQUIRED & PROJECT UPDATE

Wrighton presented the item and asked Jeremy Palm, City Engineer to update the Council regarding the Concept Block progress. Palm stated that Phase I and II of the project consists of:

###### Phase I

1. Bump-outs
2. Brick work in bump-outs
3. Banners
4. Carts & planters

Phase II

1. Diagonal parking
2. 5 light poles
3. Brick ribbon in sidewalks
4. Wayfinding signs

Palm stated that they will be continuing with be applying for an ITEP Grant, through IDOT, which will not be decided until 2017 and if the City is successful, they would continue with the plan with the other blocks throughout the downtown area and change Monroe and Vermillion Streets to two-way traffic. Palm also stated that another item that Council may wish to consider is the use of awnings to standardize the look downtown. Wrighton stated that it would most likely be necessary for the City to pay for the awnings in order to maintain uniformity. Palm questioned Council as to whether there were any adjustments they wished to make. Council discussed the electrical plug-ins at the bases of the trees downtown, requesting Palm look into costs for replacement and redesign as quite a few were not working or hard to get at. Councilman Brozak stated that he would like to take formal action regarding honorary signage and would like to see the Pluto/Clyde Tombaugh signs installed downtown.

**CLOSED SESSION: [5ILCS 120/2(c) (1 & 3)] Performance Review**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn to closed session.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to adjourn to closed session; seconded by Phelan.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME:** 2:08 p.m.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to reconvene the meeting to open session. The motion was seconded by Crouch.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME RECONVENED:** 2:48 p.m.

No action was taken regarding the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other issues to be discussed, Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Crouch.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME:** 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk