

City of Columbus
City of Columbus Workshop Notes
March 26, 2014

The March 26, 2014 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council Workshop was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall.

Attendees: Mayor Dave Povolny, Council Members Denny Peterson, Jeff Duraine, Bill Krebs. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Deputy City Clerk Emmy Robinson.

Also in attendance were: Jody Krebs, Steve Wagamon, Perry Wagamon, Myron Organ, David Liska, Jesse Preiner, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Kris King, Paul Peskar, Rick Robinson, Duane Guckeen, Ilene Guckeen, Joan Schliesing, Doug Schliesing , Carol Mike, Tom Mike, Pete Neihart, Bob Vollhaber, Kathy Haluptzok, Dan Vollhaber, Sherri Nase, Roger Nase, Chad Maassen, Sheila Maassen and Paul Ringell Forest Lake Times.

A. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP REGULAR MEETING

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

B. PRESENTATIONS

2. Welcome Introduction & Overview of Workshop

Mayor Dave Povolny began stating that there is no Attorney's present tonight and legal questions would not be dealt with tonight.

3. Forest Lake Contracting IUP Request Discussion (Please bring copies from CC Mtg.)

Mayor Dave Povolny state that the goal tonight is to talk through the details of the application and look at the end plan. The Council represents the people and wants to address their concerns which they have received from input by the residents before and in letters submitted.

Mr. Bob Vollhaber gave a brief history of their involvement with the land and the Haluptzok's with the CR83 bridge project and their goal to turn the property back to residential. A comparison chart was presented comparing the CUP, IUP application and Planning Commission recommendations.

There was discussion regarding the hardships placed on the residents of the gravel roads, the question as to why Forest Lake Contracting is not pursuing Wyoming for usage of 189th Avenue, mitigation and restoration of the property and cost vs. benefit for Forest Lake Contracting to proceed with mining. The condition of the property after mining and the minimal number of lots (2) produced from the mined (easterly) land compared to the value the city receives may not be desirable.

Mrs. Haluptzok was asked to explain her plans for the west lot at this time. Mrs. Haluptzok stated she had no plans to sell the property or improve the property at this time.

Various options for hauling, numbers of trucks, duration of permit, traffic direction, hours of operation and hours for hauling were debated. Discussion regarding obtaining use of 189th for hauling and who should be responsible to pursue this action was discussed.

Direction was given to ask the City Attorney if the land stays dormant does the CUP end. Direction was given to ask the City Attorney if the city could fight this restriction placed on the trucks by Wyoming.

Forest lake Contracting was asked if they could bring back a proposal by next Friday (April 4th) to be included in the April 9th, 2014 City Council agenda. FLC acknowledged that they could fine tune their application by that time. The City Administrator asked that someone from FLC be present for the April 9th meeting to present their plans. Forest Lake Contracting agreed.

4. IAAI Discussion

A proposal was received for other properties along Lake Drive currently zoned commercial to be used for the IAAI facility. There was discussion regarding the inconsistent size and lot lines for the properties proposed. The City Administrator reviewed the history of the area's zoning which became as it is today in 2009 after Comprehensive Plan meetings took place with property owners.

The Council reviewed and discussed the new proposal and they concluded that they still have the same issues as before and they did not think they would support it.

The Council discussed implementing buffers as no buffer rules between commercial and residential properties exist in the zoning code and this should be addressed. The vision for this area needs review.

5. Other Topics

Higher Density Housing

An idea was presented regarding using septic mounds and alternate septic mounds as buffers between zoning districts. PUD's should be considered for areas such as the one discussed during the IAAI discussion above. Council Member Krebs mentioned that PUD's would fit into the Freeway Distinct and areas south of Broadway Avenue, not all of Columbus.

Workshop forum

The Council thought this format was productive and would like to have another workshop with Mr. Joyer, real estate agent for the lots in the Waldoch area. Business Parks were discussed as options for that area.

Sign by the Freeway

The Council stressed the need for “Land for Sale” signs in the Freeway District for the city’s land. In addition the city needs representation for land sales, possibly a local broker. The City Administrator does a lot of the leg work for potential sales and this should be taken into account when the broker fee is negotiated.

C. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Deputy City Clerk