

Pre-Council Committee of the Whole
February 20, 2017
6:00PM

*Present: Teri Anulewicz Andrea Blustein Derek Norton
Ron Fennel Corkey Welch Doug Stoner
Susan Wilkinson*

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Mike Jones (City Administrator), Tammi Saddler-Jones (Asst. City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Christy Ullman, Ken Suddreth, Robert Harvey, Kristin Robinson and Eric Randall

ABSENT: Max Bacon

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Christy Ullman provided an update to Mayor Max Bacons recovery and health.

Robert Harvey announced that there was an accidental shooting at Adventure Outdoors where a man was re-holstering his weapon and shot himself in the thigh. The media called the police department about the shooting and when they were informed that it was self-inflicted they were really no longer interested.

Agenda Review:

Agenda Changes: Land Issues: Item A: will be tabled at the request of the applicant until the March 20, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Land Issues: Item B: is Doug Stoner's item with Water's Edge Group. Garvis Sams should be present to speak on behalf of the applicant. Councilmember Welch asked if there has been any effort by Quik Trip to lease their property and Mr. Stoner said they have been very particular in the sub-lease. The tanks have been removed, per Mr. Stoner.

Land Issues: Item C: Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz remarked that she expects to have opposition to this item. Councilmember Wilkinson asked if the site plan could be put up for viewing and she asked if there were any restricted uses for the site. Mr. Suddreth remarked that those items that would be restricted would be part of the motion and read aloud by Councilmember Welch.

The staff memo referenced the red areas that are general commercial currently. Councilmember Wilkinson discussed front and rear setbacks.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked if this was the same owner who airbrushed his previous building. And Councilmember Welch asked if the City had discussed with the applicant the prohibited types of businesses that he can rent to on the property.

Would it be appropriate for Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz to speak with the applicant prior to meeting start about these business types? Mr. Cochran stated that yes it would be fine or Community Development could speak to him.

The door has to remain in the proposed location to comply with the church distance requirements. Councilmember Wilkinson asked if it was a circumference distance and Mr. Stokes responded, no it was a straight line or if there are obstacles, then it is around the obstacle.

Formal Business: Barrow Wrecker Service: Howard's Wrecker Service called Councilmember Welch.

Deputy Chief Robert Harvey gave the background regarding the seven deficiencies that led to the termination of his MOU. Barrow's exceeds the expectations of the customer's. Having one tow service will also eliminate the confusion with the communications center having to keep track of whose turn it is for pick up.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated that Howard's has been with the City for 44 years and Barrow's for 47 year's. She inquired as to why we were just hearing about the seven deficiencies and those were submitted after the completion of the RFQ. Additionally, she stated it was recommended by the PD to alternate tow companies originally and in regards to the RFQ, Howard's was the low bidder. The contract from Barrow's has subcontracting tow to Marietta tow which removes tows from the City. She has concerns about the lack of meeting with Howard's to take corrective action regarding the seven deficiencies.

Councilmember Fennel asked Councilmember Wilkinson if it was the role of the Council to micromanage department contracts. She stated no but the purchasing department looked into this and recommended dual service with the Braves coming into town.

Councilmember Norton noted he trusted the department's recommendations for their day to day operations. Councilmember Wilkinson responded with the question of how has the City managed dual services for the last 44 years?

She also stated that a new RFQ was not completed and Howard's has been terminated by unanimous vote at the previous meeting.

Councilmember Welch asked what the concern was with utilizing Marietta wrecker as a back up service and Deputy Chief Harvey stated they are simply an overflow service but they have adequate equipment and drivers. This is a year contract that can be revisited at the end of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem reiterated that it was very clear why the contract with Howard's was terminated and there was lengthy discussion amongst the Council as to the termination.

Councilmember Wilkinson also asked about campaign contributions from Barrows to any Councilmember's. Mr. Cochran asked who told her other Council received contributions and she said no one and that she had just thought about it. Mr. Cochran asked Ms. Wilkinson if she had received any contributions from either and she stated no.

Councilmember Wilkinson stated that Kelly Brown, Purchasing Manager was unaware of the item being on tonight's agenda and Finance Director Kristin Robinson corrected her saying that she was aware and there had been several conversations throughout the previous week in the finance department regarding this item.

Consent Agenda:

Reviewed and Tammi Saddler-Jones will read all items aloud.

There was some discussion regarding the elevator/lift and CDBG funds by Councilmember Welch.

Eric Randall reviewed the postcards mailed regarding the updated flood plain maps and the upcoming meeting for residents to review and ask questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56PM.