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MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2008

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and gave the invocation. Roll call was as follows: Council Members Barnett, House, Dickerson, Easter and Glore and Mayor Clark were present. Council Members Reed, Kelly and Cunningham were absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION THEREON

Case #2008-006: Concerning the permanent zoning classification for certain newly annexed properties

Mayor Clark opened the hearing and asked if anyone had any comments concerning the zoning classification for the newly annexed properties. Gary Busenbark spoke saying that he requested the M-2 Heavy Industrial classification for his property because granite counter tops were being manufactured on the site. He said he had also received requests from two other people to use some of his buildings to build manufactured homes and retaining walls. Dale Thomure explained that the proposed zoning classifications had gone before the Planning and Zoning Commission and they recommended approval of the zoning as presented to the council.

Councilman Reed came in during the public hearing

Bill #810 - An Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Park Hills

Bill #810 - An ordinance amending the zoning district map of the City of Park Hills was read two times by title. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilwoman House to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Barnett, Dickerson, Easter, Glore, House and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Minutes of previous meeting(s) - May 13 and May 27, 2008

Councilwoman House made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson, to approve the minutes of the meetings held May 13 and May 27, 2008. ***The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.***

City Administrator's Report

Roundabout Update

John Kennedy told the Council that Ameren had started moving utilities at the area of the project which would enable Charter Communications and AT&T to complete their work also. He said that the sewer and water lines were installed and have been pressure tested and should be connected on Thursday.

Franklin Street Update

Kennedy said that the sidewalks had been poured and the only thing left to do is to install fencing. He said that the project would soon be completed.

Parkway Drive Update

Kennedy said that all excavation is completed and most of the storm draining is installed on Cowling Street. He said that the contractor may need to mill St. Joe Drive sooner than expected because they planned to use Fred Weber's milling machine which was going to be moved out of state soon.

Library Project Update

Mr. Kennedy said that the demolition of the interior of the new library building is completed and the new half walls are in place. He told the council that he had received a bid on the change order to leave the ceiling tiles off, paint the ceiling black and install new lighting fixtures. The bid came in at \$31,000 which was much higher than anticipated and he asked the Council if they wanted to approve the change or go with the original plan of replacing the ceiling tiles.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilman Reed to reject the proposed change order and go with the original plan of replacing the ceiling tiles. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Barnett, Dickerson, Easter, Glore, House and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried.***

Columbia Park Update

Kennedy said that the surveyors needed to set stakes where the lighting fixtures could be installed and the locates for water and sewer would be called in later this week.

Crawley Bottom Pedestrian Bridge

Kennedy said there was nothing to report on the project because Taylor Engineering had not given the City any plans as of yet.

Hawthorne Road Sewer Replacement

Mr. Kennedy told the Council that 844 feet of sewer needed to be placed along Hawthorne Road in Desloge. He explained that a 40 foot section has a reverse flow and a number of houses in the area had sewer back-ups during heavy rains. This would be a contracted project estimated to cost between \$40,000 to \$60,000. The project would be paid for out of the Sewer Replacement Fund.

Fourth of July

Kennedy told the Council that KFMO Radio Station would be doing remote broadcasts prior to the Fourth of July Fireworks Displays at the various cities. During the displays the radio station plans to play patriotic music for the audience to enjoy. He told the Council that there had been an explosion in a Chinese Fireworks Factory and the authorities there had banned any shipment of fireworks from their ports until the end of May, so there could be a problem getting enough fireworks for a display this year.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Clark had nothing to discuss at this time.

Council Discussion

There was no discussion by any of the council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Revisions to Sign Ordinance Discussion

Director of Community Development Dale Thomure explained that several comments have been received regarding the appropriateness and some questions have been raised about the legality of large advertising signs following their appearance at multiple locations within the City. He said that staff felt that this should be reviewed by City Council and direction given to staff regarding potential changes to signs regulations and interpretation and application of existing regulations.

The consensus of the Council was that no change was needed at this time to the sign ordinance and ***no official action was taken.***

RFP for Health Insurance

City Administrator John Kennedy reminded the council that during the latter stages of the FY 2007-2008 budget process, United Healthcare abruptly increased the employee health insurance premium by 36% for the city. Since that occurrence, the city staff has begun to investigate public employee health insurance pools and Health Reimbursement Accounts. He said that staff is prepared to solicit health insurance proposals before the FY 2008-2009 budget process begins. He told them that the RFP presented in the council packet could be sent to a public employee health insurance pool as well as advertised for local brokers and agents.

A motion was made by Councilman Easter and seconded by Councilwoman House to send out the request for proposals for health insurance. ***The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.***

Appointments of Library Board Members

Mr. Kennedy told the council that the Library Advisory Board has a rotating membership of nine members, with three members terms expiring each year. Additionally, each members is limited to three consecutive terms on the Library Board. Two members whose terms are expiring this year are eligible for reappointment to another term, but a third members whose term is expiring has reached the term limits. Librarian Leann Marler has requested reappointment of Betty Iahn and Danny Naucke to three-year terms and is also requesting approval of the initial appointment of Holly Buxton to a three-year term to succeed Barbara Hutson, who has reached her term limit.

A motion was made by Councilman Easter and seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the requested appointments to the Library Board. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

Discussion of Drug Policy

At the May Work Session the council voted to amend the section of the City's Personnel Manual dealing with drug testing. There was no consensus among the council members present as to whether they wished to adopt a "one-strike" or "two-strike" policy. Under separate cover, council members were provided with a copy of the current City Policy, and copies of sample policies from other organizations with both of the above-referenced approaches.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning both options, Mr. Kennedy was directed to write a "one-strike" or zero-tolerance policy including post-accidental testing provisions. The council will review the proposed policy at the next work session. ***No official action was taken.***

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Ed Pultz had nothing to discuss in regular session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Easter and seconded by Councilman Glore to adjourn and reconvene in executive session to discuss matters related to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo., leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor as authorized by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo., and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Barnett, House, Reed, Dickerson, Easter and Glore. Nays; None. ***The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.***

RECONVENING/ADJOURNMENT

Immediately following executive session, the council re-opened in regular session. There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Barnett to adjourn. ***The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.***