

Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Tony Williams, Laura Stevens, Darrell Shelton, Drew Perkins and Joanne Bader. Also present were Chief of Police Douglas Sweeney, City Attorney Steve Emery, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, and City Clerk Janette Mercer. City Engineer Brad Derrick joined the meeting late.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He opened the floor for public comments.

Opening Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty wanted to thank the police department for assisting with the St Stephen Martyr walk. She also noted that the City's Webpage is receiving an upgrade. Ms. Kelty wanted to express her opinion on the "sharrow markings" that are planned for the City. She does not agree with painting those on the city streets; would prefer the signs instead of the marking. She feels the markings do not conform to the character of Audubon Park.

Mike Gardner, 926 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Gardner agreed with Ms. Kelty.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Emery stated that there was no substantive news. Mr. Shelton asked Mr. Emery about the sanitation suit. Mr. Emery stated that he was not involved with that suit and could not address any questions. The Mayor emphasized that the City itself is not a party to the suit, but the City's insurer is defending the former officials involved, and the matter is before the state Supreme Court.

Public Safety

Chief Sweeney presented the police report. The Chief introduced and gave a quick synopsis of candidate John Schulte, and the Mayor asked for confirmation of his appointment. Tony Williams made a motion to confirm Mr. Schulte's appointment. Joanne Bader seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The monthly police report is included as part of these minutes.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written financial report and opened the floor for discussion. Joanne Bader asked if fiscal year 2016 closed and is there a final balance. Susan answered that the City is waiting for the auditors to give the final numbers. Joanne wanted to know about a final number for the Parks and Recreation's carry-over funds. Susan answered that she is waiting for auditors, and for the Mayor to review the reconciliation. Darrell Shelton asked about the \$5K showing under the 4366-14 Proceeds of Community Activities. Susan answered that this represents gross revenue from the Block Party. Joanne asked about time lines for collecting the Insurance Business Taxes. Susan answered that they are next due at the end October. There were some comments made about property taxes and sanitation fees. Joanne Bader made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The financial reports are included as part of these minutes.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. Joanne Bader asked if the Forest Board and Parks and Recreation Board members had a joint meeting to discuss the funding of the swings, and was assured they had. She wanted to understand if the Parks and Recreation agreed to pay for the installation of the swings. Ms. Bader noted that the understanding was that Parks and Recreation would bring any request for spending funds to the Council for approval and does not recall seeing a request. There was conversation about which boards are responsible for what, and the need for written processes. The Board's report is included as part of these minutes

Parks and Recreation Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. This report was covered and discussed the same time the Forest Board report was discussed. The report is included as part of these minutes.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor noted the September 19, 2016 minutes and opened the floor for discussion. Joanne Bader made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Stevens seconded, and the motion passed with 3 in favor and 2 abstaining. (Darrell Shelton and Drew Perkins abstained)

Joanne Bader questioned the need for both gas and electric power to be run to the entrance columns. Ms. Bader also wanted to be clear that there would not be a monthly or annual fee for running gas lines to the entrance columns. Mayor Crawford replied there would be no monthly or annual fees until a meter was activated.

New Business

The Mayor started the conversation about the proposed Metro bike route. There were lengthy remarks about the bike routes. Most of the Council's comments were against the painting on the roads, rather than the bike route itself. There were misunderstandings of bike lanes versus shared roads. The Mayor clarified that there will not be bike lanes, just the markings for shared roads.

Joanne Bader informed the city that she was moving this coming Wednesday, October 19th. Ms. Bader will be submitting her Council resignation.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor noted the upcoming Council election, and provided an update on AT&T work, and Google. The Mayor covered the City's recent insurance audit. He also addressed recodification, and the emerging challenge of distinguishing easements and public rights of way, which affect provisions throughout the City Code.

Engineer's Report

The Mayor noted the written report and open the floor for questions of Mr. Derrick after his arrival. Joanne Bader questioned again if there will be monthly expense for running gas to the entrance column. Mr. Derrick clarified that there will be no cost for running the lines from the mains to the meter; the cost would occur when the City requests the meters to be installed. There were several remarks about where the meters may be located.

Closing Public Comments

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty wanted to express again her dismay with the marking on the streets of Audubon Parkway and the alternative of signage.

Mike Gardner, 926 Audubon parkway – Mr. Gardner wanted to express that he is all for cycling in the city, however doesn't want the markings on the streets in Audubon Park. He also suggested maybe just have a couple at the entrance of Preston and a couple at Poplar Level.

Mr. Gardner wanted to mention the issue with political signs and where they can be placed in the resident's yard.

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee Rd – Mr. Becker mentioned there should be no parking where there are going to be bike lanes. The Mayor reminded everyone again, there will not be any bike lanes.

Brad Derrick, 3310 Oriole Dr. – Mr. Derrick guesses that there have been few to no injuries from bike accidents in the City. He noted that the markings are for safety reasons, and to encourage multimodal transportation. He does not agree with the signage, based on his opinion of Audubon Park's safety worthiness.

Andrew Klump, 900 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Klump wanted to note that Louisville has an issue with not having bike paths that connect. If Audubon Park refuses to have the markings, then we are continuing the issue of Louisville not having paths with connectivity.

Brittney Gorter, 3302 Robin Rd – Ms. Gorter noted that the Parks and Recreation Board was not thrilled with taking the swing project, but realized that the parks are their responsibility.

Joanne Bader made a motion to adjourn. Laura Stevens seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is November 21, 2016.

Attested

Approved