

# Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, October 20, 2017 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Mike Gardner Sr., Lisa Weaver and Andrew Klump. Also present were Chief of Police Doug Sweeney, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, and City Clerk Janette Mercer; City Engineer Brad Derrick arrived late.

## Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7: PM. He opened the floor for public comments; hearing none, he moved on to update the Council on legal affairs within the city. Mayor Crawford noted the case of Capps versus Gates has been resolved.

## Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. Darrell Shelton asked if there will be a final fiscal year 2017 Budget to Actual report at next month's meeting. The Mayor replied that he would prefer to wait for the auditor's report for the official numbers. Andrew Klump asked for a report that breaks down the events' revenue versus parks improvements for Parks & Recreation. The Mayor and the Bookkeeper explained that any level of added detail is always available on request.

Andrew Klump noted that a speed bump was replaced, and he wanted to know how much was spent on the replacement. The Mayor explained that Public Works re-anchored the existing speed bump as a normal maintenance activity, requiring only spare parts.

Mr. Klump also noticed that the advertising placed on Facebook for recruiting volunteers for the Auktoberfest was sponsored and wanted to know who paid for the sponsorship. The City Clerk answered the \$20 cost was charged to Public Administration.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Lisa Weaver made a motion to approve. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for comments and questions. The Chief disclosed that the department has placed empty cars around the city to test the effects on speeding, and the officers seem to think that it has aided with speeding. He also reminded everyone that Halloween is around the corner and the officers will be passing out candy again this year. There were remarks about house and business checks. Chief Sweeney noted that Parkway Village purchased a bike for the police department. Mike Gardner asked if there was a way to get one of the digital signs that displays the rate of speed. The Chief replied, Metro might have one that could be borrowed. The police report is included as part of these minutes.

## Engineer's Report

There was no written report, but the Engineer gave an update on soliciting bids for entrance lighting.

## Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions and comments. Gil Zinner noted that the City Forester has counted over 80 Dogwood trees in the parks; of the 80, 33 are in some degree of decline. The Forester has committed to compiling a list of the 33 trees and the level of care that will

be required to sustain the trees. The Forest Board will obtain bids to care for the best candidates of the 33.

### Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the September meeting minutes for approval. Lisa Weaver offered 3 editorial corrections. Andrew Klump questioned 2 statements, which were clarified without modification. Brittney Gorter made a motion to accept the minutes with the grammatical corrections. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor delivered updated information on the Burkes' fence variance. There were comments about the updated information. The Burkes stated that the reason for the variance was the condition of the apartment building next door. A warning letter was subsequently sent to the apartment building's management company with a list of the repairs and maintenance to be completed. A possible basis for a limited variance would be placement of the fence ending at the back of the original house, with the gate to be placed at that point, after submitting a new drawing illustrating the fence and gate placement. Mike Gardner made a motion to approve the variance with the fence ending at the back of the original house (removing 6 panels) and the gate to be placed at that point. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 opposed (Mike Gardner, Brittney Gorter, Darrell Shelton and Lisa Weaver in favor and Andrew Klump opposed).

### New Business

Lisa Weaver compiled the results of the speed bump survey she had posted in the City newsletter, and had a summary passed out for everyone to review. She covered the numbers and shared her opinion of the results, which were limited in number but with a majority favorable. There were continued remarks and questions about the results.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford gave a brief update on the City's insurance policies. He spoke about the recodification project, and the process to get a solid document to adopt. The Mayor updated the Council on recruiting efforts for the city attorney, board members and volunteers. Andrew Klump questioned the City's overlay ordinance and how it will be affected during the recodification of the City Code. Brittney Gorter asked about the Manginos' issues with AirBNB. There were further remarks about AirBNB regulations, and other recent concerns about air traffic patterns.

### Closing Public Comments

Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker noted that with all the speeding in the city, no parking on the streets should be allowed.

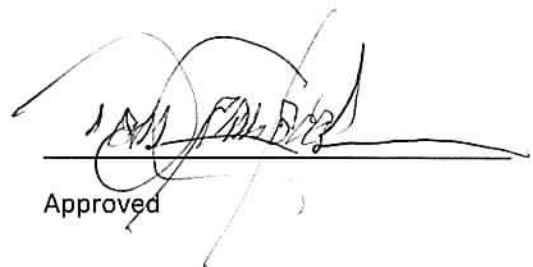
Mike Gardner made a motion to adjourn. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

The next scheduled meeting is November 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.



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