

Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Mike Gardner, Camden Shipley and Andrew Klump. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, City Attorney Chip Hayward and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Opening Public Comments

Madeline Bozeman, 3300 Oriole Drive – Ms. Bozeman spoke about the letter that she received from the City Attorney about the consolidation of their lots. She brought paperwork to explain that Metro Louisville required the consolidation to complete the remodeling on their home. The Mayor explained that this is a code enforcement issue.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill - Ms. Kelty discussed the recodification process and she wanted to know if the Council had any input. She noted that the City has no zoning authority and questioned the Overlay Ordinance. She also asked that the City Attorney look at the overlay ordinance to be sure that it is set up correctly.

Tony Williams, 3320 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams wanted to know if the date has been set for the audit.

Sarah Bhatia, 1208 Audubon Parkway – Ms. Bhatia wanted to present a copy of the Parks and Recreation Board budget request.

Ravi Bhatia, 1208 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Bhatia questioned the date for the meet the candidate's town hall meeting, stating it seems to be close to the election date.

Legal Affairs

Mayor Crawford offered the floor to the City Attorney. Mr. Hayward responded that he did not have any updates. The Councilors were asked if they have any questions for the attorney. Hearing none, the Mayor moved to the financial reports.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the September financial report and presented the report for approval. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve. Brittney Gorter seconded. Mr. Shelton asked to clarify revenue under the insurance business taxes, appropriations under roads funds, and storm damage. There were remarks about establishing a cap on the storm damage reserve. The motion to approve passed unanimously. The Mayor noted the concluding Budget to Actual report for fiscal year 2018 and asked for approval. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the report. Brittney Gorter seconded. There were several comments about this report and how it relates to the amended budget ordinance. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor to Chief Minniear for discussion. Chief Minniear discussed police activities in Audubon Park. Darrell Shelton asked for a list of officers and the length of tenure for each officer to be included next month's report, and to have the list posted on the Web page. Andrew Klump asked if the City Attorney had looked into the matter of Council authority to install speed humps.

Forest Board

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Andrew Klump spoke about Metro's tree ordinance and how they are considering expanding to private land. He wanted to know if the Forest Board will be able to handle a more far reaching program. Chair Leah Netherland confirmed that they would be able to handle such a program.

Park and Recreation

Sarah Bhatia gave an update on Auktoberfest. There was some discussion about the festival.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the September 17, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the minutes. Darrell Shelton seconded. Andrew Klump and Darrell Shelton offered some corrections. The motion to approve with given corrections was approved unanimously.

The Mayor offered the Supplemental Budget ordinance for the second reading and asked for a motion to adopt in order to open the floor for discussion. Brittney Gorter made a motion; Camden Shipley seconded. Andrew Klump questioned the figure reflected under beginning balance for the Road Fund. Mayor Crawford cleared up the misunderstanding. Brittney Gorter asked if the City should wait to pass a supplemental budget until after the audit. There were further remarks about the timing of passing a supplemental budget, and comments about Parks and Recreation Board's budget and budgeting money for training the new Council. The budget amendment passed with three in favor and 2 opposed (Mike Gardner, Darrell Shelton and Camden Shipley in favor; Andrew Klump and Brittney Gorter opposed). The Mayor belatedly asked the Clerk for the second reading. The Clerk executed the reading. The Mayor asked for a second vote after the reading, and the results were the same.

New Business

Mayor Crawford noted an *Ordinance to Adopt A Recodified and Updated City Code* for approval. The Mayor asked the clerk for the first reading. The clerk executed the first reading. There were comments about the need to see the corrections and changes from the old Code. The Mayor explained that this is not an amended City Code; this is a newly adopted Code, and the old Code will be repealed and replaced. There were conversations about the process, scrutiny, distribution and the size of the job of updating the City Code. There was a suggestion to post the redrafted Code with the "draft" watermark on the Web page as a gesture of transparency. The Mayor agreed.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor spoke about the road project. Darrell Shelton asked if the City was committed to any more road work. The Mayor state that he has a long-term strategic plan for the City roads but there isn't a present contract for any more work to be completed. The Mayor spoke about some of the plans for the entrance lighting, sidewalks and signage for the public parks. Darrell Shelton stated by the next Council meeting the new Council and Mayor will be known. He would like to be sure that conversations happen between the current administration and the incoming to ensure that all the plans and projects are

discussed. The Mayor assured all of that intent. The last subject that he spoke about was upcoming Town Hall meetings on the election and legal affairs.

Closing Public Comments

Leah Netherland, 1141 Dove Road – Ms. Netherland wanted to voice the importance of passing the updated Forest Code for the City’s canopy. She talked about the changes in the Metro Tree Ordinance.

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass – Mr. Williams stated that he wished that the amended budget ordinance and some of the other discussions about changing the City Code could have waited until after November 6th, election day, so that the new administration could be included in the conversations. He also suggested that the City hire a part-time code enforcement officer. Mr. Williams would like for there to be one more legal review of the last version of the Code to clarify any zoning issues.

Laura Kelty, 3242 Cross Bill – Ms. Kelty expressed concerns about the following:

- The latest updates to the City Code not being looked at by an attorney.
- The Forest Code, and forcing residents to pay for new trees.
- The survey that was completed on Dove Lane. There were several comments and questions about details of the survey, and the Mayor offered to cover those details in depth with anyone interested after the meeting.
- Feedback from residents on the City Code. The Mayor recalled that the Code is the fundamental responsibility of the legislative body – the Council. He also reminded everyone that is why there are elections of representatives – to represent the people of the City.
- She questioned again, who drafted the updated Code, and if the City Attorney has reviewed it.

Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Klump seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be November 15, 2018, following the November 1 Candidates’ Forum Town Hall meeting.

Attested

Approved