

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor George called the study session to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

George requested to modify the agenda to reflect Item No. 6, Water System Plan - Financials to be moved to Item No. 5. Item No. 7, the Pool Grand Opening Update will be moved to Item No. 6. Lastly, Item No. 5, Proposed Amendments to Accessory Building Setbacks for Through-Lots will be moved to Item No. 7. There were no objections from the Council to modify the agenda as proposed.

WATER SYSTEM PLAN PRESENTATION - FINANCIALS

Katy Isaksen presented the Water System Plan presentation slides and highlighted the financial plan elements. The last Water System plan was adopted in 2014 and the last rate study was completed in 2016. The recommended rate increase from 2021 – 2030 is 2% per year. The recommended 10-year Capital Improvement Plan can be completed with the recommended increase. The GFC charges were not presented with a rate increase; however, it is an option that can be added to the plan before adoption. There were discussions regarding the ongoing issues of complaints and how education may ease the issue and our utility bills not solely covering the cost of water, but all utilities. There was consensus that they would like a breakdown of usage habits before the adoption of the Water System Plan and to bring back the Financials to a future Study Session. Lastly, it was reported that the anticipated Water System Plan adoption will take place in the Fall and the Public Hearing will be in August.

POOL GRAND OPENING UPDATE

Mayor George provided an overview of the draft agenda for the donor appreciation event on May 23 and the grand opening for the public on May 29. The May 29 event was scheduled to include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and there was a discussion about whether to add a ribbon-cutting to the May 23 donor event as well. The discussion included comments about tradition as well as the difference between a donor event and a public grand opening. A majority of Councilmembers indicated their preference to stick with one ribbon-cutting at the May 29 event, though it was not unanimous.

Councilmember Nixon was excused from the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and did not return.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ACCESSORY BUILDING SETBACKS FOR THROUGH-LOTS

Planning & Building Administrator Stahlnecker provided a brief overview of through-lots and the limitations to develop them. Stahlnecker presented a map of the through-lots in the City, noting that there are approximately 142 lots that would be affected.


Councilmember Wittner was excused from the meeting at 6:57 p.m. and did not return.

At the most recent Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended adding a rear yard setback exception that would offer the homeowner a way to reduce the required setback with an administrative use permit. There was a discussion regarding notification to neighbors and the recommendation process. There was a Council consensus to move the proposed amendments back to the Planning Commission and conduct a notification to affected neighbors prior to the Planning Commission Public Hearing.

The Council wished Councilmember Viafore a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Waltier MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (5-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk