

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Brett L. Wittner, Karen Mauer-Smith, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George Smith was absent and excused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

HANOVER GROUP PROJECT OVERVIEW

Community Development Director Newman introduced Hanover Company representatives Zach Anderson, Scott Youdall, and Rick Stenson to the Council. City Manager Masko stated that this meeting was not a joint study session, and planning commissioners were invited to attend as community members. The Hanover Company representatives presented information on the company's background, the Mildred Street property preliminary site plan, commercial retail space, architectural renderings, and Form-Based Code (FBC) amendments request. Council discussions included Mildred Street traffic credits, the site plan's street grid, FBC building heights, retail space placement and tenant amenities, Mildred Street parking, traffic impacts, and the City's population growth targets under the Growth Management Act.

VEHICLE PURSUIT POLICY DISCUSSION

Police Chief Schaub reported on the City's vehicle pursuit policy and the impacts of legislative changes on police pursuits. Council discussions included the negative effects of police pursuits, acceptable reasons for pursuits, and officer safety.

SIGN CODE DISCUSSION

City Manager Masko provided a brief overview of the City's sign code, stated the possible need for sign code amendments to address discrepancies, and requested Council direction on the intent for the sign code. Substitute City Attorney Joanna Eide provided an overview of the City's temporary sign code and its interpretation and explained non-commercial speech. Council discussions included adjacent property owner permission for signs on shared right-of-way strips, frontage restrictions, interpretation of the sign code for residential properties, definition of property frontage, size of signs, appearance of selective code enforcement, enforcement of right-of-way concerns and issues.

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to extend the study session to 8:15 P.M.; Councilmember Bufford seconded.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

Further council discussions included clarification of definitions, public safety and hoarding laws. There was a brief discussion on the application of an ordinance and resolution to clarify the intent of the sign code. There was a Council consensus to bring forth an ordinance to clarify language on temporary residential sign code. There was a brief discussion on current code enforcement cases.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Wittner.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

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