

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
City Council/Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, June 27, 2017
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Graunke called the special workshop meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2017 to order at 7:07pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Special Order of Business

A. Discuss County Road 30 reconstruction and the County proposed striping plan.

Shawn informed the Council that there has been construction on County Roads 30 and 16. They are crowning the road up, and the plan includes removing the center lane. There are a few different options to limit the option of cars going around each other and endangering people in the crosswalk. The best scenario for safety would be to construct bump-outs. There is also discussion for roundabouts.

The Council members discussed multiple dangers and possibilities for entrances onto 30. Roundabouts do slow down traffic, but they would not be beneficial where the intersection tends to backup. Council members pointed out that there is a speed issue in that area, but that there is no perfect way to improve safety.

Kern commented that he, Shawn, and Ed talked about this, and it is important that the City focus on the problem. The problem is that pedestrians cannot be seen entering Barb King park, and restriping will likely not solve this particular problem. The County prefers the existing striping, but if the City asks them to change, they will do that.

Shawn noted that with expansion, Westridge and Parkview are nearly full, which means that new traffic will be coming from 16 rather than 30. Then again, Highland Ridge is also expanding, so cars will be coming from there. Kern concurred through his statement that, when Delano expands in the future, it will likely be west.

Council members wanted to think of long term planning, but they also recognized that there doesn't seem to be a perfect, cost effective solution to solve the problem.

Kern informed Council that he would have Ed look at the area and determine what it should look like with both cars and pedestrians. Ed will need to discuss these plans with Alan as well.

B. Consider site location and construction contract for Splashpad.

Kern began the discussion by noting that, at the last meeting, it was determined that the splashpad would be placed on the concrete pad in the park. Unfortunately, the soil beneath that pad is inhospitable to the splashpad, and it would cost \$100,000 to replace it. City staff then went back to Central Park and obtained soil borings throughout it. In the location that was

originally planned for the concession stand, the soil was hospitable for the splashpad. Because the location itself is also satisfactory for the splashpad, Council motioned to move the splashpad to that spot. The original splashpad design fits in this location and thus will not need to be altered.

City staff is proposing that the entire area be fenced in and that the concession building be placed on the edge of the splashpad and serve as a boundary to the splashpad. The city engineer is looking at including the mechanical aspects of the splashpad into the concession stand and also including a small changing room that could only be accessed from the splashpad.

Shawn spoke up and noted that City staff members are hoping to preserve as many oaks as possible. Also, with the movement of the concession stand, the boy scout stand could also house the mechanical equipment.

The flooded ice rink, which was discussed in previous meetings, could go on the concrete pad or closer to the baseball fields.

Council proceeded to brainstorm different ideas for the arrangement of the concession stand. Because the trees are so valued by the community, Council members noted that the engineers should be sensitive to the drip line of the trees as the plan is laid out.

Kern commented that the placement of the building is crucial, and he spoke with many members of the 4th of July community in terms of our planned placement. The impact to the carnival is that one or two rides will be moved or displaced, but the splashpad itself will likely be more of a draw to the carnival than two rides.

Kern also noted that Landscape has a crew that is ready to begin construction the 2nd week of July. The site will impact the Relay for Life and the Taste of Delano, but the City will strive to minimize the impact of the construction.

Councilmember Stolfa made a motion to approve the new location and was seconded by Councilmember Franzen; motion carried.

C. Discuss items regarding the Delano Public Library:

1. Consider library parking lots as part of downtown parking lot reconstruction project.

Councilmember Schrupp pointed out that the City should include the parking lot improvement as part of the downtown improvement. Multiple places around the area have been improved, but the direct parking lot itself has not been. Kern commented that this area was redone in 2002, so it wasn't included because it was relatively new compared to the surrounding areas. It is \$1800 to improve the lot.

Councilmember Stolfa made a motion to approve making improvements to the lot, and Councilmember Franzen seconded; motion carried.

2. Consider replacement of lease agreement with Great River Regional Library

The Branch Agreement is an agreement with Great River Regional Library. Each of the libraries has an agreement, and Delano's dates back to the early 90's. In this agreement, there is very little obligation on the City. Last year, the library requested a new agreement. The City is under no obligation to accept the agreement; however, the library could pull out and take away their resources.

City Administrators thought that the new agreement puts too much burden on the cities. The director listened to the feedback and asked other city admins to provide input. They drafted a new agreement that spells out how the City would interact with the library. GRRL runs the staffing and the programming, but the City does take on more responsibility. 30 of 32 cities have approved this new agreement that resulted from conversations with city administrators, and staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Sutherland made a motion to approve it and Councilmember Stolfa seconded; motion carried.

D. Discuss Diversity Task Force

Kern provided an update for the Council on the actions and meetings of the Delano Task Force and Delano United. He stated that the groups were focused on strategies and action steps across different parts of the community as they relate to the theme of "All are welcome." Kern also updated that City staff recently, at an all-staff meeting, discussed the importance of maintaining focus on making public spaces welcoming and available for all. The discussion involved an example of potentially-harassing dialogue at City Hall by two members of the public, which was confronted and addressed by staff.

Councilmember Sutherland stated he would like the City to explore the establishment of a Human Rights Commission. The Council discussed a potential commission, its objectives, and directed staff to conduct research and bring back options to a future meeting. The Council also encouraged more organizational development focused on the topic of social equity.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.