

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
City Council/Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Graunke called the Delano City Council special workshop of Tuesday, September 19, 2017, to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Dale Graunke, Mayor; Councilmembers Betsy Stolfa, Jason Franzen, Holly Schrupp and Jon Sutherland

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator; Shawn Louwagie, City Engineer; Scott Dornfeld, Building Official; Justin Markon, Administrative Intern; Paula Bauman, Recorder; Nick Neaton, Delano Senior Center

3. Special Order of Business

A. Discuss potential commission on inclusion and engagement.

Nick Neaton presented the proposed Delano's Spirit of Community Commission. The purpose of the commission is to promote an atmosphere of mutual understanding and cooperation among all members of the Delano community. This is done by building the Spirit of Community and improving public engagement within the Delano community. Staff recommended creating this new commission; the membership would include a member from City Council, School District, Chamber of Commerce and the Faith Community. There would also be 3-5 "at large" members to encourage a diverse cross section of members. This could be persons of color, new and long-time residents, community and civic involvement; to name a few.

Phil Kern stated this will be presented at the school board meeting in hopes to get major institutions to chare and make a formal commission. If Council is agreeable, this will be brought to the next regular meeting for formal approval.

B. Discuss possible rental housing ordinance.

The rental housing ordinance was last discussed in 2006. During that time, Staff did a complex study on rental housing ordinances. The purpose for the ordinance was to make sure rental housing stay in a healthy condition. In 2006, the Planning Commission had approved the ordinance, but the Council did not. During the discussion and public hearings, landlords discuss their disagreement with the proposed fees and having the city on their property. Recently, the Fire Department has responded to a number of fire calls, during these calls the Department has become aware of some of the conditions that some rental units are in. This has prompted staff to discuss the rental housing ordinance further. Council directed Staff to update the study and take inventory of the rental units within the community to discuss at the next

workshop.

- C. Discuss Railroad Avenue property acquisition. (This portion of the meeting may contain discussions of real estate negotiations and portions or all of the discussion may be closed and audio recorded).

Motion by Holly Schrupp, seconded by Jon Sutherland to enter into closed session to discuss real estate negotiations for properties located along Railroad Avenue; motion carried.

Motion by Betsy Stolfa, seconded by Holly Schrupp to exit out of closed session; motion carried.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Delano City Council special workshop of Tuesday, September 19, 2017, was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Signed:

Dale Graunke, Mayor

Brian Bloch, Finance Director

Attest: Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator