



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: Administrator: Terrance Post and Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer

Absent: None

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Proposed Ordinance Changes Concerning Water Curb Stops, Point of Sale, Sanitary Sewer Requirements and Park Board Membership

Public Works Director Marv Wurzer has brought forward recommendations for two ordinance changes in his area of responsibility. He informally discussed these proposals with the Council and sought direction.

The first Ordinance discussion item pertained to the maintenance responsibility of water connection curb stop box. Currently they are the responsibility of the property owner and are rarely maintained. If water supply needs to be turned off, and the curb stop is not functioning, it must be done at a valve near the water meter. After discussion, staff was directed to not draft changes related to ownership and maintenance responsibility of curb stop boxes.

The second Ordinance discussion pertained to the creation of a "point of sale" requirement for the inspection and correction of any illegally connected, or poorly maintained, private sanitary sewer lines in an effort to reduce inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues on private property that contribute to the community's overall I & I level. After much discussion, staff was directed to craft an Ordinance revision/ policy direction that would emphasize both voluntary, and point of sale, aspects that would specifically target pre-1975 sanitary sewer clay pipe connections.

At the last regular Council meeting, staff was directed to begin the public notice process related to expanding membership for the Park Board. While this process has begun, staff wanted to receive input regarding term length, Board member job descriptions, and verification that seven, and not five members, is the wish of the Council, before the draft ordinance rewrite process begins. Staff was directed to create ordinance language that limited size to five members, created staggered terms similar to the current Planning Commission, and clearly spelled out Board responsibilities regarding minute-taking and general meeting management.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Post
City Administrator