Minutes
EPD Committee
December 2, 2019
6:00 p.m.
2nd committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Terry Merritt and Scott Crosby. Community Development Director Van Broad and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. EPD Committee Meeting: November 4, 2019
      Councilman Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
   a. Budget Review- Van reported the department is a little over budget mainly due to repair and maintenance at the cultural center.

   b. Department Reports- Van said Frozen was sold out for three weekends. The auditorium renovations are over 99% complete. Christmas activities start this week at the center.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business
   a. Request to Abandon Road S-1115- This would be the frontage road in front of the former Vacuum Shop. If Council chooses, they would authorize our legal counsel to initiate the steps to abandon the road. The site will hold a proposed planned development that is slated to occur within the next year.
Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to Council with Councilman Merritt seconding. Councilman Merritt asked if James Griffith still owned the property. Van said yes and SVN is the broker. Councilman Merritt asked why we need a legal letter if we have documentation from 2015 stating this was authorized. Brandon said there is a court action that must happen to abandon the road.

Van said it is the same process as we went through with Millport Circle. Chairman Matney said this is also action done by a different Council. Councilman Merritt said this is something that will be done at the December council meeting and then two weeks later, we will have a new council. Van said the abandonment paperwork will be filed after approval on the 16th.

The vote was unanimous to send this to Council (3-0).

b. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of Economic Development matters regarding Project Circle and City Center as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(5)

Councilman Crosby made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

Chairman Matney reconvened the meeting. Councilman Crosby reported no action was taken and no votes were made.

c. Possible action on items discussed in executive session

Councilman Merritt made a motion to forward a development agreement to Council on Project Circle. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Ray Atchinson- I walk around the cultural center several times a week. Is the paint flaking off the window shingles over there?

Van Broad: Yes. The metal has pulled apart and water is leaking in the walls. They are trying to fix it.

Ray Arkinos: Ok. I was just wondering if anyone else noticed it.

Councilwoman King said Frozen was out of this world and couldn’t believe the tickets were almost all sold out. She asked if the stadium seating had been fixed. Van said there is a part that has been ordered and it will be fixed.

Councilman Merritt said there is a resident who occupies a picnic shelter at the cultural center and may need some help finding a place to stay.
Councilman Crosby agreed with Councilwoman King that Frozen was great and very professionally done.

Chairman Matney thanked committee for their hard work and said this committee has done some great things. He believes the City is poised to become what it should be.

8. Committee Concerns

9. Adjourn- Chairman Matney adjoumed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk