

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
JULY 6, 2009

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE and THORNHILL were present. Council Members SKALA, HINDMAN and STURTZ were absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of June 8, 2009 and the regular meeting of June 15, 2009 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Wade and a second by Ms. Hoppe.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda with the addition of a special item involving a presentation by Thumper Entertainment was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Wade and a second by Mr. Thornhill.

SPECIAL ITEMS

TRIM Grant Presentation by the Department of Conservation.

Ann Koenig of the Department of Conservation presented a check in the amount of \$4,434.78 and explained it was to reimburse the City for staff attending the Municipal Forestry Institute in South Carolina. Ms. Koenig also presented an illustrative check to the City in the amount of \$15,000 to represent the trees in the downtown. She understood a lot of money was invested in trees and there were questions as to the benefits. As a result, they did a calculation on the 426 trees in the downtown and determined the City received a 2-1 return, which totaled \$15,000 in benefits in energy savings and real estate value increases. Mayor Pro tem Nauser thanked Ms. Koenig.

Thumper Entertainment Presentation.

Steve Sweitzer, 902 Wayne Road, presented a \$38,000 check to the City for services rendered for the 2008 Roots N' Blues N' BBQ Festival. He thanked the City for considering various options with regard to this payment, but since they had not come to a conclusion, they decided to pay the bill in full tonight. Mayor Pro tem Nauser thanked Mr. Sweitzer.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Rev. Peter Davidson – McBaine and Broadway crosswalk.

Rev. Peter Davidson explained he was legally blind and his reason for moving to Columbia two years ago was to ride the bus since he could no longer drive. He was requesting a crosswalk be placed at McBaine and Broadway because the traffic on Broadway was excessive at many times. He noted it was hard for him to cross the street or to walk to Garth, cross the street and go back to the bus stop because he had bad lungs. In addition to the crosswalk, he asked that signs notifying people to beware of pedestrians be installed. He commented that he had almost been hit three times. He noted he was not the only person that crossed at this location. Joggers and older people crossed there as well. He asked the Council to put a crosswalk at that location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(A) Construction of sanitary sewers in Sewer District No. 166 (Thompson Road).

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained the sanitary sewer district along Thompson Road involved three parcels. The estimated cost was \$69,000 and would be recovered through tax bills not to exceed 48.5 cents per square foot of property. Tax bills exceeding \$5,000 would be deferred in accordance with Section 22-97.1 of the City Code.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Pro tem Nausser closed the public hearing.

Ms. Hoppe noted the report indicated an annual cost to the City of \$2,000 and asked for an explanation. Mr. Glascock replied it was the annual cost for any sewer line and included cleaning, checking taps, etc. It was the cost for the length of sewer they were installing. Ms. Hoppe understood it was a general per year average figure. Mr. Glascock stated he thought it was a two year cost, so \$1,000 per year.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to proceed with the final plans, specifications and construction of Sewer District No. 166, and to record the notice of impending tax bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(B) Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Richland Road, along both sides of Rolling Hills Road, extended.

Item B was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this property was about 271.5 acres and was located south of Richland Road, along both sides of Rolling Hills Road, extended. The Council would be asked to vote on the annexation and zoning at its July 20, 2009 Council meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser opened the public hearing.

Tony Black, 5533 Yosemite, stated he was representing a group of citizens living in the area of the annexation and was the President of the Lake of the Woods Neighborhood Association. He understood the proposal involved 800,000 square feet of commercial development without any road improvements. There was also the possibility of up to 1,800 dwelling units. He noted the Vineyards and Old Hawthorne together had about the same amount of dwelling units on almost 1,000 acres. This would be on the northern reaches of the Grindstone Creek, and he believed it could damage the Grindstone and Hinkson Creeks. He stated they understood the area would be developed, but felt it was too dense. In

addition, they were in a residential area with some duplexes that were creating crime problems, and the developer wanted to add more duplexes and apartments, which would create more problems. He pointed out the development agreement did not require road improvements before beginning the development, and asked the Council to consider the issues.

There being no further comment, Mayor Pro tem Nauser closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

B120-09 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit through truck traffic along a portion of West Boulevard.

The bill was given third reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins understood there had been discussion with the neighborhood and other alternatives were being considered.

Mr. Wade stated they had an agreement on an alternative plan, which they would try in order to determine if it would work.

Mr. Wade made a motion to withdraw B120-09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B167-09 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking along a section of Rain Forest Parkway.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this request was brought forward by the Vanderveen Neighborhood Association and would prohibit parking along the north side of Rain Forest Parkway near Providence Road.

Mr. Thornhill asked if this was near the area they wanted traffic calming. Mr. Glascock replied he thought it was as it was near the pool.

B167-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, THORNHILL. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SKALA, HINDMAN, STURTZ. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were given second reading and the resolutions were read by the Clerk.

B161-09 Vacating a drainage easement located on Lot 64 within Corporate Lake Subdivision, Plat 12; accepting a conveyance for drainage purposes.

B162-09 Authorizing construction of sewers in Sanitary Sewer District No. 142 (Anthony Street); calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B163-09 Authorizing construction of sewers in Sanitary Sewer District No. 162 (Valley View Road); calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B164-09 Authorizing construction of sidewalks along the east side of Providence Road from Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

- B165-09 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of sidewalks along the east side of Providence Road from Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane.
- B166-09 Authorizing application for FY 2010 transit planning, operating and capital assistance grants.
- B168-09 Authorizing an agreement for temporary construction and grant of easement for sewer purposes to Commerce Bank, N.A. relating to sanitary sewer construction in the alley between Fifth Street and Sixth Street.
- B169-09 Appropriating funds for construction of a new parking garage located on the south side of Walnut Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street.
- B170-09 Accepting conveyances for temporary construction, sewer, storm sewer, access and sidewalk purposes.
- B171-09 Accepting a conveyance for utility purposes.
- B172-09 Amending the FY 2009 Annual Budget and the Classification Plan and Pay Plan to upgrade the position of Economic Development Manager to Assistant Economic Development Director.
- B173-09 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code as it relates to unclassified positions.
- B174-09 Appropriating grant funds from the Missouri Department of Conservation for construction of Phase I improvements at the A. Perry Philips Park.
- B175-09 Appropriating fire equipment sale proceed funds.
- B176-09 Appropriating asset forfeiture funds to be used by the Police Department to purchase equipment and uniforms for the downtown bicycle team.
- R141-09 Setting a public hearing: special assessments for the extension of Southampton Drive from its former terminus east of State Route 163 (Providence Road) to Nifong Boulevard, south of Grindstone Parkway.
- R142-09 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the WIC Supplemental Food Program.
- R143-09 Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Show Me Healthy Women Program.
- R144-09 Authorizing a service agreement with YouZeum for implementing activities associated with the Missouri Foundation for Health - Healthy and Active Communities Model Practice Building Grant.
- R145-09 Authorizing an Adopt A Spot agreement.
- R146-09 Authorizing an agreement with the County of Boone relating to the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.
- R147-09 Authorizing an agreement with the Columbia School District to provide crosswalk guards at Blue Ridge, Derby Ridge, Fairview, Field, Paxton Keeley, Mill Creek, Parkade, Russell, Shepard Boulevard, West Boulevard and Grant Elementary Schools for the 2009 summer school session.
- R148-09 Authorizing an agreement with the Columbia School District for school resource officers.
- R149-09 Transferring funds from the Hinkson Creek Trail Phase III project account to the Parks Sales Tax Fund.

- R150-09 Authorizing an extension of the temporary closure of a portion of Rollins Street west of Hitt Street.
- R151-09 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for sanitary sewer line rehabilitation on University property.
- R152-09 Consenting to the assignment of the airport car rental concession agreement at Columbia Regional Airport with Enterprise Leasing Company-Southwest to EAN Holdings, LLC.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, THORNHILL. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SKALA, HINDMAN, STURTZ. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The following bills were introduced by the Mayor Pro tem unless otherwise indicated, and all were given first reading.

- B177-09 Voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Range Line Street, southwest of the intersection of Range Line Street and Boone Industrial Boulevard (4515 and 4525 North Highway 763); establishing permanent C-3 zoning.
- B178-09 Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Richland Road, along both sides of Rolling Hills Road, extended; establishing permanent C-P, PUD-10, PUD-5 and PUD-8 zoning; authorizing a development agreement.
- B179-09 Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Garth Avenue and Texas Avenue (1610 North Garth Avenue) from C-P to O-P zoning.
- B180-09 Rezoning property located on the northeast corner of Holly Avenue and Andy Drive (2207 Holly Avenue) from C-P to O-P zoning; approving less stringent yard, screening and parking requirements; setting forth conditions for approval.
- B181-09 Approving amendments to the PUD development plan of The Highlands Phase 8 located southwest of the Forum Boulevard and Old Plank Road intersection; granting a variance to the Subdivision Regulations; setting forth conditions for approval.
- B182-09 Approving the Providence Village South O-P/C-P Development Plan located on the northeast corner of Green Meadows Road and Providence Outer Road (Carter Lane); approving less stringent screening requirements; amending Ordinance No. 016642 relating to conditions of approval.
- B183-09 Amending the Major Roadway Plan, a part of the 2025 Transportation Plan to downgrade West Boulevard from a minor arterial street to a major collector street.
- B184-09 Approving the Final Plat of Howell Subdivision – Plat 2 located on the west side of Strawn Road (Route ZZ), north of Broadway; authorizing a performance contract.

- B185-09 Changing the name of “Vincent Lane” to “Emery Drive”.
- B186-09 Authorizing construction of sidewalks and striping bike lanes on Range Line Street (Route 763), between Business Loop 70 and Big Bear Boulevard; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B187-09 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking along a section of Woodrail Avenue.
- B188-09 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code relating to refuse collection.
- B189-09 Authorizing a contract to purchase real estate from Carl H. Almond in connection with the reconstruction of the Old Route K Bridge over Hinkson Creek.
- B190-09 Authorizing an agreement with Robert J. and Marilyn Lea Young relating to the acquisition of easements for construction of Mexico Gravel Road from the Vandiver Drive Connection to the intersection with Ballenger Lane/Route PP.
- B191-09 Authorizing an agreement with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for the purchase of rear loading recycling containers for commercial use; appropriating funds.
- B192-09 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Minor Plat of Coyote Acres located adjacent to the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B193-09 Authorizing an airline airport agreement with Delta Air Lines, Inc. for commercial air service at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B194-09 Accepting conveyances for temporary construction and sewer purposes.
- B195-09 Authorizing a supplemental agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to construction of the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) bridge over U.S. Highway 63.
- B196-09 Authorizing changes in the Water and Light Department Demand Side Management Program; amending the FY 2009 Annual Budget and the Classification and Pay Plans to add and reclassify positions in the Water and Light Department; appropriating funds.
- B197-09 Designating a portion of the City of Columbia as a redevelopment area; approving the Tiger Hotel tax increment financing (TIF) redevelopment plan and project.
- B198-09 Designating a portion of the City of Columbia as a redevelopment area; approving the 10th & Locust tax increment financing (TIF) redevelopment plan and project.
- B199-09 Authorizing an agreement with 10th & Locust, LLC relating to the sale of a City owned parking lot located on the north side of Locust Street between Tenth Street and Hitt Street.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

(A) Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Requests.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser noted this report was provided for informational purposes.

(B) Providence Road Pavement Markings – Vandiver to I-70.

Mr. Watkins explained that as they completed Providence, north of Vandiver, staff was proposing some changes in the markings at the intersection of Vandiver and Providence and

on north bound Providence, south of Vandiver. Mr. Glascock commented that with the anticipation of more traffic going through the intersection, they would install a two way left turn lane in the middle due to the driveways. MoDOT owned the stretch from Texas to the interchange toward the south and was agreeable.

Mr. Thornhill made a motion directing staff to proceed with modifying the pavement markings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(C) Report on Additional Streetlights on Old 63.

Mr. Watkins explained this report showed what it would take to add street lights on Old 63 from Stadium to north of Grindstone using the City's current street lighting standards. In order to meet those standards, staff was suggesting 27 new lights at a cost to the electric utility of about \$64,000 and an annual payment from the City's general fund of about \$6,400.

Mr. Thornhill asked if there was a reason they were only given one option. Mr. Kahler replied they would be happy to generate additional options.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had asked staff to look into this at the request of a neighborhood association and understood the estimates provided were for full lighting. She also understood there were some existing poles, so the cost would vary based on location. They could select lighting based on where it was most needed for safety, whether there was duplicative lighting, etc., and could then be provided a cost for each location. She stated she wanted options for less extensive lighting that still provided the lighting needed for safety.

Mr. Kahler explained they were currently calling for 27 new lights and there were 10 existing lights along the roadway, so it could be cut back. He commented that any new lights would improve the visibility and safety for motorists.

Ms. Hoppe suggested staff look at the spots where there were safety concerns, so choices could be made. She stated she would ask the neighborhood association to provide her input with regard to the locations they felt were a high priority.

Mr. Watkins suggested Ms. Hoppe arrange a meeting with neighborhood representatives so they could discuss the highest priorities.

Mr. Wade stated he found it valuable to be provided the technical proposals with two or three different options with different standards instead of one single standard option.

Ms. Hoppe suggested staff discuss this with engineers and provide specific priority recommendations prior to getting together with the neighborhood. Mr. Watkins stated staff would provide a revised option or additional options.

(D) Fiscal Impact of Installation of Load Management (LM) Switches on Newly Constructed Single-family Homes.

Mr. Kahler stated they had about 18,000 switches installed on about 12,000 customer sites and the switches were cycled during hot afternoons when a peak of 270 megawatts was reached. When cycling these, they had an immediate drop in the load of about 8 megawatts, which kept them from setting new peaks and requiring a need for additional generation. The average estimated cost per installation per customer was \$178.

Mr. Watkins commented that last year, due to a relatively cool summer, the City did not use the switches. He pointed out that those that signed up for a switch received a five percent discount, so they gave a good discount to customers even though the switches were not used last year.

Mr. Watkins asked for the payback of 8 megawatts. Mr. Kahler replied every kilowatt was worth about \$500, so that times 8,000 would be the payback. Mr. Watkins understood that was what they were saving when they had the ability to lower the peak demand by 8 megawatts.

Mayor Pro tem Nauser noted the report indicated the program was cost-beneficial, but that the City would be reviewing this on an annual basis, and asked if this was something they would be starting. Mr. Kahler replied yes. He stated they would be working with a consultant to look at many of their programs since the capacity and energy markets had changed significantly over the last few years in order to ensure the programs were cost competitive.

Mayor Pro tem Nauser understood information was sent to new electric utility accounts and asked if it was sent to existing accounts periodically as well. Mr. Kahler replied information was on the utility bills and the website.

Ms. Hoppe understood 12,075 customers currently used load management and asked for the total number of customers. Mr. Kahler replied there were about 44,000 total customers, which included residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Mr. Wade understood there was a direct relationship between the cost-effectiveness of this and the energy efficiency of an air conditioning unit. He thought it might not be cost-effective on new air conditioning units. He wondered if they would find it was more cost-effective to move away from this and invest in replacing inefficient air conditioners. Mr. Kahler noted they currently offered rebates for customers to install high efficiency air conditioners. He agreed it might not be as cost-effective if someone had a high efficiency air conditioner with a load management switch versus someone with a low efficiency air conditioner. They planned to look into it to ensure the program was cost-effective and provided a benefit to the utility and could investigate this issue as well.

Ms. Hoppe understood the City might save more if they directed load management to existing homes and businesses with less efficient air conditioners versus new homes with more efficient units. Mr. Watkins pointed out not all new homes had a high efficient air conditioners.

(E) Roots-N-Blues BBQ Festival.

Mr. Watkins stated Council had heard a discussion at pre-Council regarding ticket area procedures, and noted the goal was to get the details worked out, in writing and widely distributed so Council could hear testimony on the proposal. Staff wanted an indication as to whether a resolution should be brought forward at the next meeting.

Upon her request, Ms. Hoppe made the motion that Mayor Pro tem Nauser be allowed to abstain from voting on Report E. Mayor Pro tem Nauser noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that her husband was in the alcohol beverage industry and this issue involved

the sale of alcohol and an open container waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe understood chairs and umbrellas would not be permitted in the ticketed areas and asked if a chaired area would be available for handicapped people or older people who could not stand for long periods of time. Mr. Sweitzer of Thumper Entertainment replied they were concerned as well and were doing a study regarding the issue. He noted they would be providing picnic tables within the footprint where allowed. He explained the issue with the umbrellas involved safety and blocking the view of others. His recommendation was alternative clothing, such as hats and rain gear.

Mr. Wade made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the July 20, 2009 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved by voice vote with only Mayor Pro tem Nauser abstaining.

(F) Foreclosure Tracking Ordinance.

Mr. Watkins explained staff reviewed the Lee's Summit abandoned registration and maintenance ordinance, and while they were continuing to see more foreclosures, staff was recommending not going to this level at this time.

(G) Columbia Access Television Annual Report.

Mr. Watkins stated this was the annual report from CAT per the agreement whereby the City provided some franchise money.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Mr. Wade commented that with regard to West Boulevard, the concern of the neighbors was the amount of truck traffic, noise, speed and safety. Based on discussions, there would be an all-way stop at the intersection of West Boulevard and Stewart Road after one more neighborhood meeting with the people west of West Boulevard on Stewart Road as they would be impacted.

Mr. Wade made a motion directing staff to prepare legislation restricting through truck traffic in the West Elementary School zone during 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. for introduction at the July 20, 2009 Council meeting, so it could be voted on at the August 3, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Wade explained the intent was to evaluate the impact of these two actions on West Boulevard for six months. If the goal was not accomplished, a third action involving traffic management at Westwinds Drive and West Boulevard would be considered.

The motion made by Mr. Wade was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Wade made a statement regarding the bicycle harassment ordinance and provided a copy of the statement for the record. He felt a harassment ordinance for one specific relationship was inappropriate, questioned whether the ordinance would make a difference since intent had to be proven and felt this ordinance would contribute to the polarization going on between bicyclists and drivers. He did not believe the ordinance would make things better and thought it would make things worse. He suggested they suspend the bicycle harassment ordinance for six months and allow the working group proposed at the June 15, 2009 Council meeting to evaluate whether amendments to the assault ordinance or other City ordinances could better serve the purpose of providing people protection from harassment. He thought the working group should be large enough to include people with a variety of positions on the topic for a broader civic discussion.

Mr. Wade asked staff to prepare legislation suspending the bicycle harassment ordinance for introduction at the August 3, 2009 Council meeting, so it could be voted on at the August 17, 2009 Council meeting. Mr. Wade understood his request could be accommodated without a motion. Mr. Boeckmann agreed and noted Chapter 2 of the City Code indicated any Council Member could request an ordinance to be prepared as long as it did not take too much time.

Mayor Pro tem Nauser agreed a pause was needed with regard to this topic.

Ms. Hoppe stated she felt backtracking or wavering on the Council decision regarding this issue was the wrong way to go. She believed they needed to educate everyone with regard to the ordinance and that the Police Department needed to enforce the laws and give tickets to bicyclists. She thought the bicyclists needed to be educated on the rules of the road as well. She felt backtracking on this decision was a dangerous precedent. She pointed out the present assault ordinances did not address some threatening behavior the bicycle ordinance did. She noted intent was the basis of criminal law. She reiterated the need for education and commented that if the task force they made a motion to create at the end of the previous Council meeting determined a better way to craft the ordinance and cover more people, it would be good. In the meantime, she believed bicyclists needed protection now. She also suggested the task force include a member of the Disabilities Commission.

Ms. Hoppe stated a few signs to include Williams, University and Rockhill were missing in the East Campus area.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to replace the missing signs in the East Campus area and to place those signs that were more frequently stolen on higher poles or higher on telephone poles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe understood recycling bins would be placed in the parks and noted there were none at Stephens Lake Park. Mr. Watkins stated he would check on its status.

Ms. Hoppe thought they should obtain staff input regarding a crosswalk at McBaine and Broadway as requested by Rev. Davidson earlier in the meeting. She wondered if and when it could be done.

Mr. Wade understood Rev. Davidson wanted something done immediately and noted it would be considered in the design for the new West Broadway, but that was at least a year or two in the future.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding whether a crosswalk at McBaine and Broadway could be done and when it might be able to be done. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Thornhill stated he had feelings similar to Mr. Wade regarding the bicycle harassment ordinance. With regard to the comment of this setting a precedent, he did not believe doing this one time to ensure they did the right thing would set a precedent. In addition, if this ordinance was the right thing, he was not sure why a short suspension could not be allowed in an effort to make it better and protect all forms of non-motorized transportation and all citizens.

Mr. Thornhill commented that after re-opening the Planning and Zoning Commission appointments for a third time and reviewing the policy relating to appointments to City boards and commission, he had some concerns. He noted they did not have actual job descriptions or a requirement for them. They only had brief descriptions of boards and commissions and eligibility requirements, and he felt that contributed to the lack of applicants since people did not know what was involved. He suggested they establish a way for board and commission members to be involved in describing the jobs they believed would adequately fill a position. He noted the policy referred to an insufficient number of qualified applicants and asked what that meant. In addition, the policy did not address the process for the Council to appoint an applicant with regard to interviews and screening. He wanted better clarification for job description requirements, a definition of a sufficient number of qualified applicants and clarification regarding the Council process in making the appointments.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser suggested this be a future work session topic.

Ms. Hoppe agreed they needed to formalize the parameters of process in terms of selection.

Mr. Thornhill stated he was not sure it was fair to look for the perfect applicant when they might have someone who could allow a commission to operate at full capacity while learning what they needed to learn.

Mr. Watkins agreed he thought this should be a work session topic.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser stated she did not believe the red light cameras would deter bad behavior at other intersections and suggested they increase fines in order to deter this behavior.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser made a motion directing staff to provide a report with information regarding what other communities had as fines for running red lights. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser understood the City did not have a law against loitering for the downtown to assist shop owners in deterring panhandling or a large group of people from being in front of their stores if there was no threat. She suggested staff contact the Special

Business District and the business owners in the downtown to determine if this type of law would be beneficial. She thought it might help with some of the fights, etc. happening in the downtown.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser made a motion directing staff to begin a dialogue with the Special Business District and the business owners in the downtown and to provide a report regarding the potential of a law against loitering. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Pro tem Nausser commented that public input was important for the Council to make decisions, and without that input, it was hard for the Council to judge the community's desires and wishes. She encouraged the public to contact their Council representatives on issues important to them.

Ms. Hoppe commented that the curbs at the entrance to Grindstone Park on Old 63 were very high and caused cars to almost stop before turning onto the driveway to get to Grindstone Park.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding the issue. She wondered if they could grind down and smooth out the edges. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Nausser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk