

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION

Monday, May 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

Online via WebEx

1. **CHA Redundant Water Line Presentation** – Interim Town Manager, Matt Tederick, presented council with a slideshow that was put together by Stevie Steele of CHA about the Redundant Water Line Project. Mr. Steele was available to answer any possible questions.

Mr. Steele explained that "Segment C" of the project was added after a recent water break at RSW Regional Jail. He also clarified the difference between using a horizontal directional drill and micro-tunneling. While horizontal directional drilling is a cheaper option it comes with risks - micro-tunneling is a "sure thing." Additionally, he noted the cost to complete the project has increased significantly since it was originally quoted in 2011. Waterline costs have increased by 170% and river bore costs have increased by 240%.

The design and permitting for the redundant waterline project are scheduled to be completed by February 2021 and construction is scheduled to be completed by June 2022.

2. **Tourism Follow-up and Other FY21 Budget Matters** – Mr. Tederick began by informing Council that the Warren County Board of Supervisors was presented with Kerry Barnhart's Tourism Research Presentation. They selected two board members to lead the County's tourism effort and choose the model they deem best suited. They requested that Council select two members to work with them. Councilmen Thompson, Gillispie and Cockrell volunteered.

Councilmen Meza supported Councilmen Gillispie and Cockrell as the representatives for tourism, noting that they would bring a 'set of fresh eyes and a neutral position.' Councilman Sealock agreed. Councilman Thompson explained that she is passionate about the plan for tourism, yet still neutral. Mayor Tewart decided to personally appoint Councilmen Thompson and Gillispie. Councilman Meza questioned whether the Mayor had the power to go against Council majority to make the appointment. After some debate and research, Town Attorney Napier explained that Town Code 4.8 states that the 'Mayor as the presiding officer shall appoint members to committees.'

3. **Town Manager Interview Process** – Councilman Sealock explained to Council that Baker Tilly had identified 9 qualified candidates. There were 2 additional candidates that he requested Council have the opportunity to review as well. He suggested Council take some time to review the 11 candidates and rank their top 5, so they could decide who to interview. Councilman Meza stated his agreeance. He suggested council discuss and agree on their cumulative top 3 to interview via video conferencing. Councilman Cockrell suggested Council send their rankings to Baker Tilly to develop the top candidate list.


4. **Closure of Main Street** – Mr. Tederick explained to Council that to make the closure of Main Street possible, they needed an individual to formally pull a special event permit. William Huck of Family Fun Day Inc. was recruited to pull the permit. Town Staff determined they would be closing Main Street, Kid Lane, the Gazebo Parking Lot and a portion of Chester Street. Restaurants that would be serving alcohol were required to set up a boundary due to ABC laws. Mr. Tederick noted that this would not be a festival and all alcoholic beverages would be required to stay within the marked boundaries. He added that the Town would be loaning their outdoor movie equipment to Royal Cinemas so they could show movies on Saturday and Sunday evening. Town Staff was able to coordinate the donation of tables and chairs for restaurants to use. Additionally, the Town rented Johnny Blues and handwashing stations for the event.

Councilman Gillispie asked how many weeks the Town would continue the closure. Mr. Tederick stated he would assess after the weekend by talking to Town Staff and downtown business owners and make a decision from there.


Mayor adjourned the work session at 7:36 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Tewalt, Vice Mayor Sealock, Councilman Cockrell, Councilman Gillispie, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Meza, Councilman Thompson, Interim Town Manager Tederick, Town Attorney Napier, Deputy Clerk of Council Lynn, Director of Finance Wilson, and those members of the public and press who were listening online.

APPROVED:


 Eugene R. Tewalt, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Tina L. Presley Clerk of Council
 Written by Mary Ellen Lynn Deputy Clerk of Council

Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilman Meza approved the Special Work Session minutes of May 21, 2020 on June 8, 2020.

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