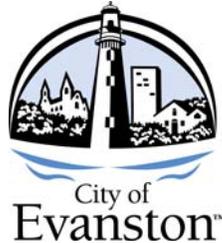


MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, November 12, 2012
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Aldermanic Library

Present: Alderman Grover Alderman Wynne
Alderman Rainey Alderman Wilson
Alderman Burrus Alderman Holmes
Alderman Fiske Alderman Tendam
Alderman Braithwaite

Others Present: Ken Cox, Assistant City Attorney, Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, Joe McRae Deputy City Manager, Steve Griffin, Director Community & Economic Development, Paul Zalmezak, Economic Development Planner; Johanna Nyden, Economic Development Coordinator

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 10:40 p.m.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz called on Johanna Nyden to update Council regarding the purchase of property at the Target Shopping Center.

Real Estate

Johanna Nyden, Economic Development Coordinator reported that for the past two years they have been working with a Culver franchisee who is interested in locating to an empty outlot at the Target Shopping Center on Howard. The property is in a TIF district. She explained that the franchisee has been having difficulty getting approval from the current owners and is asking the City to help.

One option is for the City to purchase an outlot for \$675,000 using TIF money. The Economic Development Department is asking for authorization to move forward with an appraisal. All were in favor and authorization was granted.

In other real estate matters, Ms. Nyden reported that the lease of city-owned space at 1800 Maple Avenue to the Olive Mediterranean Grill was not a feasible project because of construction and costs for the necessary venting and hooding that is needed.

Instead, she reported, the franchisee of Dunkin Donuts / Baskin Robbins would like to lease the space for five years with three options to renew for five years each. In addition, they have indicated they would be open to discussing options regarding improvements to the space. Council gave positive feedback and staff will return with a proposed lease agreement.

Paul Zalmezak reported on talks with ZS Associates and the library parking lot at 1515 Chicago and 1890 Maple. Council was asked for permission to move forward with an appraisal and continue talks with ZS. It was granted.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2012 meeting with two grammatical corrections. In the second sentence of paragraph 3, remove the “d” from the word ‘changed’ and in the last sentence in the third paragraph remove the word “not”. All were in favor.

City Manager Bobkiewicz reminded Council that they each had a disk with closed session minutes from previous meetings and asked that they review them before the December 10 meeting when they would be submitted for approval for release.

Personnel

Mr. Bobkiewicz brought up the issue of the City Manager’s compensation. He reported the City is providing adjustments to non union personnel and that department directors are making recommendations about their staff. He then asked Council to authorize the Mayor to approve a 2% increase to his salary retroactive to January, 2012. All were in favor.

Being no further business, motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Elaine Autwell, Deputy City Clerk