

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL

Worksession No. 16-12

Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road

June 6, 2016

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple
Absent: Clabaugh

3. UPDATE ON NW AREA SPEED LIMITS

City Administrator Jim Sanders noted that he was following up on conversations held with Grimes and Polk County related to speed limits on roadways in the northwest area of the city. He advised that the speed limits in the area are not consistent and that the three entities were still not in agreement on what those limits should be. Council Member Temple suggested leaving the 40 mph on NW 100th, reducing NW 107th Avenue to 40 mph, and leaving NW 78th Avenue at 35 mph. Other Council members noted their consensus with the suggestion. Sanders advised he would continue working with Grimes on the suggested speed limits.

4. CONSIDER TIF REQUEST FROM DSM INVESTMENTS, INC.

City Administrator Sanders reviewed the proposed Tax Increment Financing request, noting that the request was for approximately \$70,000 in rebate. He noted that as is customary with requests of this amount, that this would be structured as a forgivable loan, with 20% forgiven each year over 5 years. Council members noted their general agreement with the TIF request, but also requested that going forward preliminary elevation drawings of projects be presented.

5. MWA YARD WASTE DISCUSSION

Sanders introduced the item, reminding the Council that this item had been discussed previously. Council Member Brown, the city's representative on the MWA board, distributed a spreadsheet showing the fiscal situation related to the Compost It program. He noted that the program is not making money. He advised that the MWA would be discussing the yard waste issue at its June 24 meeting. City Administrator Sanders noted that 7 of the 17 participating communities were leaning toward the comingling approach. Council members noted that composting is the right way to go, but it doesn't look likely to continue. Mayor Dierenfeld urged communication with the other communities regarding Johnston's position on the continuation of the Compost It program.

6. RENTAL PROGRAM INSPECTION UPDATE

Community Development Director David Wilwerding provided an update on the Rental Inspection program and the staff time the program incurs. He noted that now that the first round of inspections is complete, it is anticipated that re-inspections will take less staff time. Wilwerding also provided an update on the Special Census results, noting that the population would be reported at 20,460.

As there was time remaining, the following items were moved from the regular agenda:

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Jim Sanders reminded everyone that Green Days would be held before the next Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Dierenfeld noted that the Fire Department did a great job representing the City at the Dam to Dam event. Finance/HR Director Teresa Rotschafer noted that the Fire Department had a busy weekend with a water rescue and a residential fire. Rotschafer also noted that she had attended the Belin Quartet concert at the Library over the weekend, which was well attended.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk