

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL
Worksession No. 16-13
Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road
June 20, 2016
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSS A REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S STORMWATER DETENTION REQUIREMENT OR TO UTILIZE GREENWOOD HILLS' PARKLAND TO ACCOMMODATE A PORTION OF THE REQUIRED DETENTION FOR THE PROPOSED ADJACENT GREENWOOD HILLS PLAT 5

Planning Intern Clayton Ender reviewed the request to waive stormwater detention requirements, or allowing the use of a portion of city property to accommodate a portion of the detention facility. Melissa Hills, Civil Engineering Consultants, addressed the Council, noting that an assumption had been made that detention would be addressed with the city pond. She also advised that without the deviation requested, the property owner would lose 3-4 lots after grading. Hills also noted that the property being discussed had been sold by the owner to the city for the construction of the park. She further described the low impact design that would be used in the area.

Parks Director John Schmitz noted that the impact of the request on the developable portion of the park are minor, but overall aesthetics of the park would be impacted as the area being discussed is where some of the older tree growth is located. Schmitz noted that the Park Board would be considering the issue at their next meeting.

Discussion ensued on the drainage in the area and the impact that would have on areas upstream and downstream. Community Development Director David Wilwerding noted that had the intent been for the city's pond area to be the main detention area, the pond would be larger.

Wilwerding noted that he was concerned that waiving the requirement would set a bad precedent. He noted that he had only minimal concern with allowing the developer to utilize city property, as this is a fairly unique situation.

Council members noted that they were not in favor of eliminating the requirement, but were agreeable with allowing the use of a portion of the city property. They also encouraged judicious removal of trees in the area. It was also clarified that the pond construction and restoration would be at the applicant's expense.

Schmitz noted that the Park Board would also be providing a recommendation back to the Council.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSTON AND GRIMES FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

City Administrator Jim Sanders noted that this agreement had been being discussed for 8-10 months. He noted that the language had been agreed upon by both cities. He also noted that approval of the agreement was included on tonight's consent agenda. Sanders noted that there may still be additional discussion on the name of the department.

Council Member Cope noted that he had some angst over the language allowing both city administrators voting power on the board created by the 28E. Mayor Dierenfeld noted that the board is strictly advisory and would be making recommendations to their respective councils.

5. DISCUSS REQUEST TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO EXPAND THE USE OF BOWS AND ARROWS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

Sanders noted that this was a follow-up discussion on the issue. He advised that he, Roger Jackson, and Chief McDaniel had crafted proposed ordinance language to be considered at the July 5 meeting. Council Member Temple requested clean up on the “notwithstanding” language contained in the first paragraph on page 2 of the staff report. Sanders noted that he would revise the language prior to Council consideration.

6. UPDATE ON THE STORMWATER HOMEOWNER GRANT PROGRAM

Planning Intern Clayton Ender noted that there had been interest in the program. He also outlined the promotion plans for the program.

As there was time remaining in the Worksession, the following item was moved from the Meeting Agenda.

10A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF COMMENTS

Sanders noted that there were discussions with Polk County on the minimum wage issue and that work would continue with the committee established by the County, as well as public meetings.

Sanders also noted that he had provided a document on the temporary deviation plan for Saylorville Lake, and Red Rock to work together to decrease the likelihood of flooding.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk