

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019**

A Council Workshop was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Council President at 6:29 p.m. on June 25, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelie Eaton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks (6:30)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce McGee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scot Stokes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Mountsier

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer

Nick Altonaga, City Planner

Public Input:

There was one.

General Items

1. Re-appointment of Ken Olsen to the Cemetery Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021.

There was no discussion.

Executive Review

2. Motion to approve Council Member Klose to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than ten days (LMC 2.12.060)

Council Member Klose stated he is attending the American Legion Convention. Then spending time with his wife touring the high line.

3. Resolution: A Resolution Of The City Council Granting Permission For A Property Owner To Utilize Decorative Concrete Within The Boulevard That Adjoins The Owner's Property Located In The City Of Laurel.

Josh Guptill, 401 E. 4th Street, stated he is redoing his City sidewalks. He does concrete for a living and owns his own business. He would like to put in exposed aggregate with tree rings to make it look nicer with no weeds.

Nick Altonaga, City Planner, stated that the boulevard ordinance would be redoing the ordinance soon. He stressed that variances often beget more variances. However, he is generally in support of this request. He did speak with the Public Works Director regarding this issue.

It was questioned if the water valve would be cemented over. It was clarified by the homeowner that he has spoken with the Water Department and that he does have a curb stop. He has already purchased a water monument for the curb stop that will be flush with the concrete.

It was questioned if pictures of what it currently looks like and pictures of what it will look like could be brought to Council next week. It was clarified that pictures would be provided for next weeks meeting.

It was questioned if the pending changes to the boulevard code would allow for this type of boulevard. It was clarified that the new code will be robust and allow for a variety of options for maintaining residential boulevards. This change should not lead to many future variances down the road.

4. Resolution: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract With Encode Corporation For Replacement Of Two Condenser Units At The Fire, Ambulance And Police Building.

Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer, stated recently Encode was called out to repair the AC units on the FAP building. One unit is completely shot, the other could possibly be repaired, but for the cost of \$6,500 with no guarantee, the repair would make the unit function properly. The City can replace both for approximately \$10,000. The coolant is so old that it is not produced anymore. Both these units have been hail damaged and need to be replaced.

Council Issues

5. Update on Handicap Parking

Nick Altonaga, City Planner, handed out a concept plan that the Public Works Director had drawn up, see attached. This plan more than doubles the current parking. This is a draft and is subject to change. The Public Works Director will be calculating the costs associated with these upgrades.

It was questioned if the street curbside will remain handicap parking with everything else general parking. It was clarified that was correct. There has been discussion about how to manage this parking lot during special events. It was further clarified that the handicap parking would be handicap parking regardless of the event.

It was questioned if traffic will follow traffic flow arrows. It was clarified that was correct. It was further questioned if there will be anything to stop people from parking on the grass. It was stated there is a gate at the southern end of the parking lot that will prevent people from further parking south. There will also be large rocks to stop people from pulling over the grass.

It was questioned if the parking lot will lose two handicap spots. It was clarified that this is a draft, and the number of handicap spots can be adjusted. This plan will not reduce the current number of handicap spots.

Karl Dan Koch, 320 Colorado Avenue, stated he is excited about these changes. This is what he had requested three years ago. He thanked Council and Staff for their work on this project.

6. Ordinance Discussion

Nick Altonaga, City Planner, stated the Mayor has directed the boulevard codes would be updated to include dry scaping and xeriscaping to give more options to residents to care for their boulevards. The code will be more robust than the current code. Some of the standards date back to the mid-70s and need to be updated to meet current municipal needs. He stated that City Staff would be working with KLJ to help update the standards.

Other Items

LURA Large Grant Committee will meet June 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

City/County Planning Board's July 4th meeting has been moved to July 11th at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Park Board's July 4th meeting has been moved to July 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Tree Board on July 18th has been canceled.

Tree Board on August 15th has been canceled.

Tree Board on September 19th has been moved to September 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Airport Authority has moved their meetings back to the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in July.

Public Works Committee will be as scheduled.

Review of Draft Council Agendas

7. Review of Draft Council Agenda for July 2, 2019.

There were no changes.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

Council Member Klose will not be in attendance.

Announcements

Karl Dan Koch, 320 Colorado Avenue, asked when the boundaries for each of the wards were set. With the continued growth of the City may need to revisit this discussion.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for 212 will be at 1 p.m. in Riverside Park.

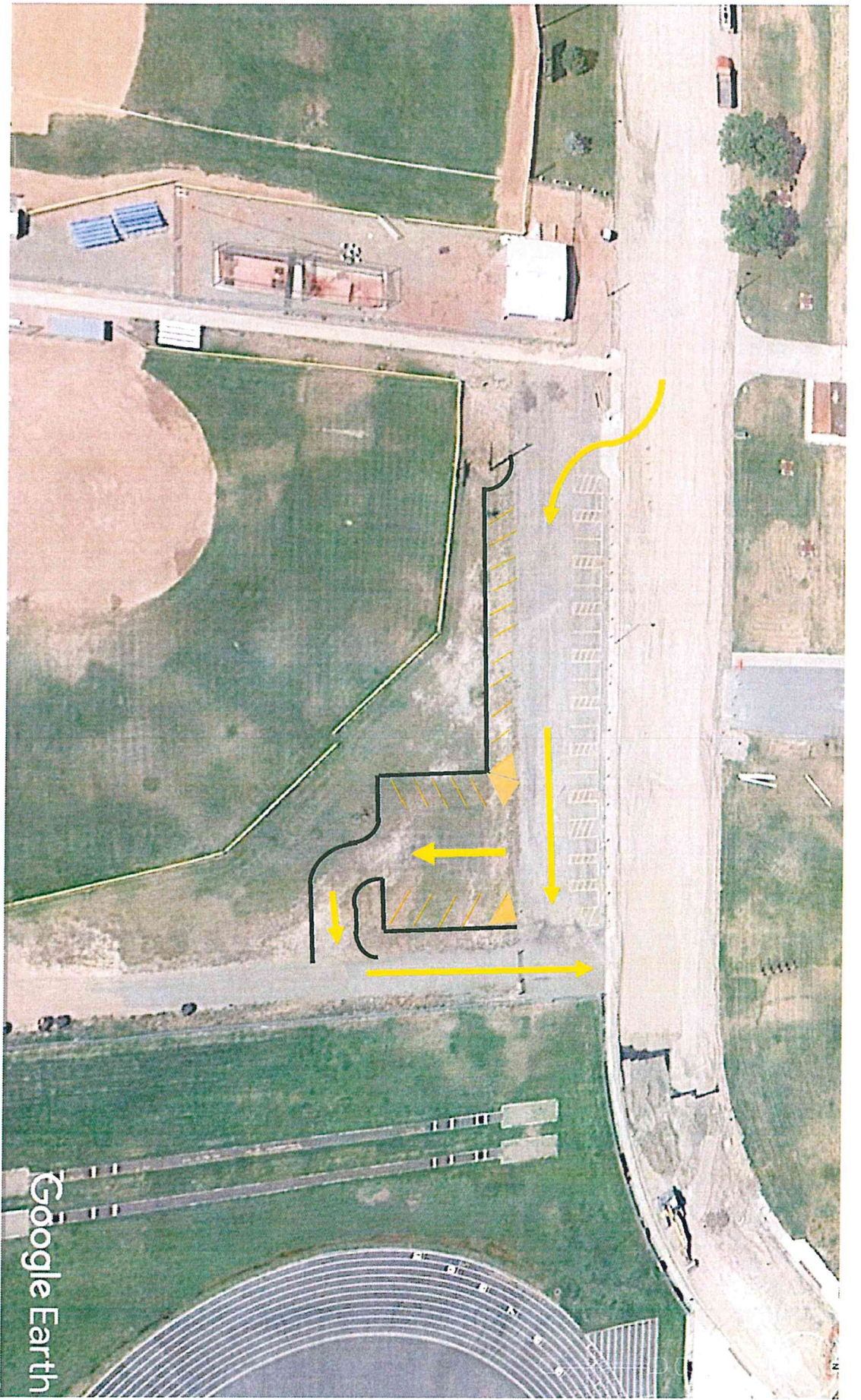
The council workshop adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Moorman
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.



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