

CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Baliles called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles
Council Member Jay Boland
Council Member Linda Dodd

Council Member Bill DuVall
Council Member Anne Huntsinger
Council Member Melanie Long
Council Member Branden Whitfield

2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Sizemore Group Deanna Murphy - Discussion for Vision of Downtown

Deanna Murphy with the Sizemore Group gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council seeking their input on what they would ideally like to see Downtown. She explained the process that would be used to put together a beginning plan for Downtown.

There was much discussion among the Council on the things they would like to see downtown. The Council stated that they would like to see a mix of buildings and green space. They would like it to be walkable with sidewalks and a parking solution that was flat rather than a parking deck if possible. They would like to preserve the historical feel.

Bill de St Aubin, CEO Sizemore Group, explained that to get people to come downtown you need an anchor. Something that will draw the retail and restaurants to the area. He further explained that to make this successful you have to find something that 80% of the people can live with and support. He stated that he felt like the two biggest factors initially is that you get the traffic off of Main Street and get the citizens behind the project.

In the next phase of the project, a citizen group will be utilized to interview and participate in order to gather feedback. Ms. Murphy and Mr. de St Aubin explained that the citizen group should be no more than 10 people and when they are interviewed they do not want any elected or staff present or involved. It was further explained that this would not be an open meeting. It was decided that each Council Member and the Mayor would each select a participant and the LDA would nominate three participants. It was requested of the the LDA that one be a member of the LDA and the other two (2) be business owners.

Ms. Murphy explained that once they have been provided with the steak holder list they will schedule the charrette.

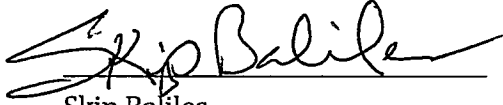
3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger, Seconded by Council Member DuVall.


Voting Yea: Council Member Boland, Council Member Dodd, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Whitfield.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Skip Baliles
Mayor

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Kristi Ash
Deputy Clerk