

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Work Session was held on July 5, 2022 at the Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Avenue NE, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson

Councilmember Ken Wendling

Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Brad Delfs

STAFF PRESENT

Parks & Recreation Director Kay Okey, Police Chief Josh Antoine, Deputy City Clerk Wanda Brown

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Police Department Staffing

Police Chief Antoine stated that Sergeant Long submitted his retirement notice effective August 5, 2022. He said he would ask the City Council to promote Officer Fiske to Sergeant at the August 1, 2022 City Council meeting.

City Councilmembers discussed Community Policing. The Council asked the Police Chief to encourage the Police Officers to get out and acquaint themselves with the citizens of the community. Council inquired about hiring officers with more experience, and Police Chief Antoine said that they have tried to hire laterals, but to limited success.

CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL was to direct staff to add an item to the agenda for July 5 City Council meeting, authorizing a conditional job offer, pending passing a psychological, medical, drug exam and physical agility test to Rene Alvarado.

B. Able Park Building Update

Parks Director Okey presented an update on the Able Park Building Project. She stated that with the remodel they would be keeping the slab and bones of the building. She said the building would be expanded to the north for storage and to the west to increase common space. She said the building would go from 672 square feet to 1460 square feet. She noted that there would be an additional sink if it was approved. She stated that a new roof and siding would be part of the building.

She stated that staff is requesting Council approval for funding architectural drawings for the Able Park Building and Picnic Shelter Reconstruction in the amount not exceed \$860,000.

Director Okey noted that the Preassembled Building appears less expensive; however, when the extra work that would need to be done by staff (demoing the existing building, running electrical, plumbing and other amenities), is added to the project cost it is not a cost-effective option.

Councilmember Dircks inquired about the next step for the project. Director Okey said the first thing to do is to approve the engineering plans and then budget an amount not to exceed \$740,000 and look for additional funding.

Director Okey noted that she will ask Wendel not to seek bids until she knows if any grant money has been awarded. She will be seeking CDBG funding. She stated that the item is on the July 5 City Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

3. REPORT - None

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Nelson adjourned the work session at 6:08 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer