

ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2013

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION

The adjourned regular session of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The City Council, Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission convened an adjourned regular session to conduct a workshop. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center on the First Floor of City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Councilmember Day
 Councilmember Baugh
 Councilmember Hunt
 Vice-Mayor Hopkins
 Mayor Yarbrough

Planning Commissioners present:

Commissioner Barnett
 Commissioner Haggard
 Commissioner Fookes
 Chairman Mower

Parks & Recreation Commissioners present:

Commissioner Kraft
 Commissioner Davis
 Chairman Jackson

Absent:

Planning Commissioner Hawkins and Parks & Recreation Commissioners Cox and DiPrima.

Also present:

City Manager Jeff Kiser, Police Chief Michael Johnson, Development Services Director Kristen Maze, Finance Director Liz Cottrell, Deputy Public Works Director David Durette, City Clerk Juanita Barnett, and Deputy City Clerk Brenda Hicken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Yarbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:04 p.m.: Commission Hawkins arrived and took her place at the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ellen Cote presented a packet to the Council and Commission Boards entitled, "To Build A Dream" and expressed her desire to see the City develop a dream and then carry it out. Ms. Cote also recommended a water feature be added someplace in the park to provide clean family fun for Anderson residents.

WORKSHOP – JOINT CITY COUNCIL, ANDERSON PLANNING COMMISSION, AND ANDERSON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The City Council, Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission convened a workshop to discuss potential ideas for future projects and programs for the City of Anderson.

City Manager Jeff Kiser gave an overview of what the meeting should accomplish for the City overall and introduced Planning Commissioner Christine Haggard.

Ms. Haggard stated that she felt the importance of having this type of visionary meeting is to create a forum for open discussion among the governing body and advisory boards to provide

an opportunity to discuss their desires, ideas and collective vision for Anderson. She further expressed a desire to see similar vision meetings on an annual basis to share ideas and thoughts that will help the City Council and advisory boards to develop one common vision.

City Manager Jeff Kiser stated that the City has specific features that we need to identify and capitalize on: the River, Anderson River Park and two major highways going through town.

Development Services Director Kristen Maze discussed the recently completed economic development studies for the overall city and for the Gateway area expressing that they were very interesting and useable and described how the City can utilize them to help promote development. Ms. Maze further discussed commercial parcels that have recently been sold and the potential annexation of the Roseburg property into the City of Anderson.

Commissioner Davis asked if an annexation in the south portion of Anderson would include the old paper mill site.

Ms. Maze said that the old paper mill property is not in the current annexation being considered but would be considered if the property owners had an interest in doing so.

City Manager Jeff Kiser stated he did not feel the owner is ready to consider annexation at this time but may in the future. Mr. Kiser informed the panel that currently the property at Riverside is difficult to market due to the owner buying high and the economy dropping. Mr. Kiser stated he believes many developers are looking for bare ground rather than taking on existing buildings due to the cost of bringing the old buildings up to code and said that the City's General Plan identifies properties set aside for growth. Mr. Kiser expressed a belief that the building of the off ramp at Deschutes will improve marketability of properties in that area.

Chief Johnson gave an overview of the vision he has for the Police Department stating that promoting professionalism and service is key. Chief Johnson further stated that the role of the Police Department remains the same regardless of vision and that is to keep the community safe and to give the residents of the community peace of mind by making them feel safe. Chief Johnson expressed an interest in resource sharing and partnering with the community.

Councilmember Day expressed his support of the Police Department and the Chief's vision and commended the Chief for raising the bar at the Police Department.

Commissioner Haggard asked the Chief what his strategy is for getting the community involved.

Chief Johnson stated that his department is working on an aggressive, proactive strategy to help improve the community by implementing problem oriented policing teams and developing neighborhood watch and other similar programs.

Commissioner Mower asked the Chief if he would be promoting public relations as well.

Chief Johnson stated that he is already beginning to address public relations by putting the Police Department on Facebook, Twitter, and releasing weekly press releases to keep the community informed.

Councilmember Hopkins stated that she feels the Police Department is doing a wonderful job with public relations and thanked the Chief for reviving the volunteer program.

Deputy Public Works Director Dave Durette discussed current status of the sewer, water system, and transportation needs and, together with City Manager Jeff Kiser answered questions from the Council and Commissions.

Questions from the Council included:

1. Will it take any developer wanting to develop property near the Riverside Interchange a minimum of five years to complete the preliminary work on the interchange improvements or can it be done quicker?

(Depending on the development it could be done sooner. Also, some preliminary work has already been completed.)

2. What are the estimated costs for completing the preliminary work for improving the interchange?

(It can vary from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands depending on the development.)

3. Can we develop partnerships with CalTrans and/or the SRTA for funding?

(Possibly with the SRTA but not with CalTrans as they are the governing agency.)

4. Are there federal funds available for impact?

(We are always looking for funding sources and the agencies involved are aware of the need at the Riverside location.)

5. Is the City already looking for funding sources to improve the Riverside Interchange or to complete some of the preliminary work on it?

(Yes, we are always looking for funding sources.)

6. How does the City plan to tie Automall Drive into North Street?

(There was an old plan to bring Automall Drive to Oak Street but the ideal plan would include a true frontage road that runs parallel to I-5 and ties into North Street at Ventura.)

7. While considering road improvements and extensions, what consideration is being given to developing bike lanes and other safety ideas?

(Staff consults the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans and would like to develop a dedicated bike and pedestrian path to Anderson River Park.)

8. Is there a short term fix for the Riverside Interchange such as adding stop signs on the eastside of the overpass like they have done on the west side?

(The intersection on the westside is governed by CalTrans and Shasta County. The intersection on the eastside is in the City but there are many things to consider in that area before installation of stops could be considered due to the reduced line of sight with the curve so close to the intersection.)

Kim Chamberlain addressed the Council stating she believes Anderson has a lot to offer including great restaurants and expressed a willingness to help promote the City in any way possible.

City Manager Jeff Kiser addressed the Council to talk about vision laying out the following talking points:

- Police Station Plan
 - Build on site at corner of Oak and North as previously planned?
 - Move it to the westside of Hwy 273 so that it is located near City Hall?
 - Build a new station near the teen center location?
 - Find a new location that better serves the community and provides for faster response time?
- City Hall
 - Should it be moved?
 - Should we combine the Police Department and City Hall in the same location?

- How can we improve the City Council Chambers and make them more accessible?
 - Should the Council Chambers be relocated to a ground floor level?
 - Solar?
- Water feature at the park
 - Should we design/build a water feature at one of the parks?
 - Should it be located at Anderson River Park or Volonte Park?
- The River
 - What can we do to utilize the river to enhance Anderson?
 - Market residential and commercial building sites along the river?
 - Develop water activities and events?
 - Add a fresh water swimming area at the Anderson River Park?
- Park Maintenance
 - Current park maintenance needs include:
 - New restrooms at Anderson River Park
 - Softball lighting replaced at the Anderson River Park
 - Softball lighting improvements at Volonte Park
- Anderson River Park
 - Designated area for weddings
 - New gazebo
 - Fresh water swimming at ponds
 - Improve trails
 - Enhance equestrian opportunities
 - Summer Serenade Concert series
- Transportation
 - With two major highways going through town, what can we do to encourage drivers to get off the highway and stop in Anderson?
 - Extending Automall Drive to North Street
 - Extending Gateway Drive to Deschutes Road
- Marketing
 - Billboard on I-5 south of town?
 - Better signage directing people to the park once they come off the freeway?
 - Use school resources at the high schools and/or colleges to help develop promotional materials?
 - Promotional materials at other locations such at Granzellas?
 - Anderson t-shirts for sale at local markets?

Stan Neutz stated that the regulations placed on the City by the State hinder the City from moving forward and recommended staff check into what it would take to have our own Enterprise Zone and see if that would benefit us better than being part of the existing one, stating that perhaps it would give us more flexibility and funding.

The Council and Commissions discussed the ideas brought up at the meeting and requested to have another meeting of similar design in three to six months.

City Manager Jeff Kiser stated that the next step in the process of development would be to set priority and projects for the next two years at the Council level in line with our budget and then to come back and schedule another vision meeting after that.


Commissioner Haggard asked about the use of Adhoc committees to get some of the marketing ideas off the ground.

Mr. Kiser responded that anyone interested in developing an Adhoc committee should contact him.

No formal action was taken by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Parks & Recreation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

8:22 P.M.: The City Council adjourned to March 5, 2013, the Planning Commission adjourned to March 11, 2013, and the Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned to March 27, 2013.


James Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Barnett, City Clerk