



City Council Worksession

Meeting Minutes – City Hall Planning Conference Room, 1st Floor

February 25, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:01PM

Mayor, Billy Keyserling - All members of Council in attendance (Nan Sutton, Mike McFee, Mayor Keyserling, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer).

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Priority Needs Assessment

David Prichard, Community and Economic Development Director presented Council with a priority needs list for CDBG.

Councilman Murray stated, in addition to dusting off the Northern Regional Plan, it has been over a decade and now is probably the time for us to crack that document back open and take a look at some of the greenway trails identified in there; such as regional connectivity and growth boundaries. We are decades past it, and I believe it is time for a group to meet to discuss what changes need to be made and what progress has been done.

Council agreed to move the list forward as a recommendation from staff with CDBG partner, Lowcountry Council of Governments.

B. Latest Update on House Bill 4331

Mr. Prokop, City Manager gave an overview of the latest update on the House Bill. He continued by stating that both he and Kathy Todd have gone through it and the big concern Ms. Todd has is with the part that says online renewal, which is on page three, Payment Portal which says the payment will go through the State Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. It was assured to Mrs. Todd the MASC would be the provider and they will get their money anyways. The question is why we cannot keep our portal, we already have it and when people pay there is no problem with it. It just does not say we can continue to use our portal. The rest of it we totally agree with and have not problems.

Mayor Keyserling instructed Mr. Prokop to stay on top of that so that we stay protected.

C. Recap on City Council Retreat 2020

Mr. Prokop, City Manager stated he has been working on things that were missed at the retreat or thought about after the retreat which he sent to Camille for review. Mr. Prokop stated he received a call on two items; first item, he expressed that people were told we were cancelling the Allison Road project and that it was off our Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Prokop expressed that he said that information was not correct. Second item; the caller expressed that we had taken off the trail improvement to downtown. All of this came out from the retreat. Apparently, there has been some confusing and misinformation out there.

Councilman Murray stated as far as our economic goal since we expanded our strategic goals, it is much broader, and we did not get far enough in the retreat to discuss the tactics and who would be the responsible parties to ensure the goals are being met, and we need to put the rest on paper. Overall, Councilman Murray felt the retreat was well done and it was a great collaboration with the staff.

Councilman Cromer made motion to adjourn the Worksession meeting.

II. ADJOURN

6:06PM

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