Call to Order

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance with Mayor Young were Councilmember Stephen Bricker, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Maureen Palecek, Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman. Staff attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher Interim Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Codes Enforcement Officer Denney Bryan, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, City Attorney James Dionne, and City Clerk Gayle Butcher.

Agenda Items

1. Open Discussion

   Councilmember King thanked the Council for their consideration due to his work-related absences. He noted he had re-arranged his schedule in order to lessen future impacts.

   Deputy Mayor Swatman inquired on the status of the street sweeper, and Councilmember Rackley noted it had just come out of the Community Development Committee and would be on next week’s agenda.

   City Attorney James Dionne gave a briefing related to the R-2 zoning for the Inlet Island duplexes. He noted the roadway to the vacant mobile home was passable and that he did not believe that the Hearing Examiner based his decision on an erroneous presentation, but that probably a general statement had been made and incorporated into the decision. He noted there were several opportunities for notices.

   Councilmember Palecek asked about the status of the Skateboard Park. Mayor Young noted the design was moving forward. Director Boettcher noted he should have a timeline soon and construction is anticipated starting during the month of June. Councilmember King requested a skateboard park article be included in the upcoming newsletter.
Councilmember DeLeo re-stated his support for a City Administrator position, and the criteria for hiring that he had proposed to Mayor Young last week. Councilmember DeLeo noted Mayor Young agreed to the hiring criteria.

Councilmember Rackley and Councilmember Bricker expressed support for an Executive Assistant position instead of an administrator position. Councilmember King noted a city administrator position should at least be looked at again, noting several cities have such a position. Deputy Mayor Swatman stated his objections for a city administrator position. Councilmember Johnson stated his desire that staff should be utilized for their strengths, that workloads should be studied, and that team-building-type meetings should be conducted rather than making staff changes. Councilmember King concurred that the parameters of administration needed to be looked at as well as expectations and job descriptions.

New Business

1. Draft February 26, 2002 Minutes

   On page 3, 3rd paragraph, the word “construction” was changed to “noise” and on page 1, remove Councilmember King’s attendance from roll call.

2. Meet with Denny Bryan Code Enforcement Officer

   Denny Bryan, Code Enforcement Officer, presented a review of his enforcement procedures. He presented a March 5, 2002 memorandum of actions taken to implement enforcement as well as a summary of complaints (attached as Exhibit #1).

   Councilmember Rackley requested that a confirmation letter be sent to persons who file a complaint so those citizens have some resolution.

   Mayor Young stated that he and Public Works Director Seth Boettcher had attended the Pierce County Public Works Committee and it appears the Pierce County Sewer purchase agreement is moving forward with equal utility tax treatment.


   Interim Planning and Community Development Director Leedy gave a brief overview and Council agreed the ordinance would move forward to next week’s agenda.

4. Proposed Title 5.15 Parades & Special Events Permit – Ordinance No. 946 Review/Discussion

   Mayor Young noted the purpose of the permit was to provide for cohesive control of public safety concerns, such as notification of the event for the police, fire, and public works areas of responsibility. Deputy Mayor Swatman requested to table the ordinance so that an exemption and an appeal clause could be developed.
Old Business

1. Discuss public testimony Latecomer Agreement, Willowbrook

   A brief discussion on the Willowbrook Latecomer Agreement testimony was held. Public Works Director Seth Boettcher noted it was a fair agreement, and the agreement would be reviewed at the next workshop.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Young adjourned the workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Young, Mayor

Gayle Butcher, City Clerk