

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, March 9, 2009

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday March 9, 2009 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Bob Horkay, Tom Smith, Bob Smith, Rob Stokes, John Dippel and Ken Kingshill. Also present were Mayor, Andy Cook, Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. Mayor Andy Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

None

Guests:

Chris Bluto questioned the absence of a return envelope in the most recent utility bill. He also would like to see the City moving toward electronic payments with the other city services.

Council Responses to Guest Comments:

Mayor Cook addressed Mr. Bluto's inquiries and agreed that the City could have done a better job announcing the return envelope change and explained that the City should be moving toward electronic payments in other City Services.

Claims:

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve claims as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Recognition:

Annual Tax Abatement Review

Joe Plankis explained that every year each company granted a tax abatement must fill out a compliance statement form describing the current status of each abatement recipient.

Consensus of the Council is to approve and authorize the City Council President to sign compliance statements.

Old Business:

Grand Junction Master Plan

Co-Chair, Jim Anderson gave a brief update and commented on Public input at February 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Ordinance 09-01: Amendment of Fee Schedule
First Reading – January 12, 2009
Tabled - Second Reading – February 9, 2009
Second Reading – March 9, 2009
Public Hearing – March 9, 2009
Adoption Consideration – March 9, 2009

Kurt Wanninger explained the amendments contained in Ordinance 09-01. Kurt stated Public Works as requested compared information from neighboring communities regarding their practices associated with waiving fees for Schools and Churches.

Public Hearing opened at 7:44 P.M.

Bruce Burns spoke in favor of relinquishing relief for Churches and Schools.

Sharon Williams stated she objected to waiving fees for Schools.

Mic Mead stated he objected waiving fees for schools and he was not addressing waiving fees to churches.

Ron Thomas spoke in opposition of waiving fees.

Nick Verhoff spoke in favor of waiving fees.

Public Hearing closed at 7:55 P.M.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-01 as presented.

Motion failed.

President Kingshill stated an amended Ordinance will be back to the Council at the April meeting.

Resolution 09-01: City Policies & Procedures Manual Revisions Updated
First Reading – February 9, 2009
Second Reading – March 9, 2009
Adoption Consideration – March 9, 2009

Bruce Hauk explained that this is an update that has to do primarily with the changes regarding the indemnity policy of Public Safety personnel. This will result in a savings of taxpayer dollars without compromising personnel benefits.

John Dippel made a motion to approve Resolution 09-01 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Abstain-1 (B. Smith). Motion carried.

New Business:

Fence Standards Discussion – Zoning Ordinances

Mayor Cook explained that the current fence standards are enforced on a case by case basis brought to the attention of the administration by a public complaint. There were some members of the audience that wished to speak. This was allowed.

Tony Anerich, President of Ashfield Community expressed his concerns in giving the City's enforcement the tools that they need.

Tony Laurenzana, lives in Quail Ridge Community and gave a brief description of how his HOA handles fences, through their covenants.

Chris Bluto and Brian Moralis set on the HOA board of Countryside Community. Mr. Moralis would like to see a permit process in place through the City administration. This could be a tool to enforce fencing.

After some discussion from the Council, it was determined that there be no action this evening and it would be placed on April's Council agenda.

Fee Waiver Request – Freedom Trail Park

Withdrawn

Ordinance 09-04: Amendment of Water Services Rules & Regulations of WPWD
First Reading – March 9, 2009
Second Reading – April 13, 2009
Public Hearing – April 13, 2009
Adoption Consideration – April 13, 2009

Kurt Wanninger introduced this item explaining that the Board of Public Works has reviewed this Ordinance. He described the deadlines for advertising and that this would come back to the Council April 13, 2009, for a public hearing and consideration.

Resolution 09-02: Amendment of Fee Schedule for Community Development
First Reading – March 9, 2009
Second Reading – April 13, 2009
Adoption Consideration – April 13, 2009

Jennifer Miller explained that this resolution allows for a Fireworks Permit.

Garry Harling, Westfield-Washington Fire Marshal, described the various Fireworks classifications and how and where the Fireworks can be sold.

After some discussion from the Council Tom Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 09-02 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 09-05 Amendment of Centennial South PUD
First Reading – March 9, 2009
Second Reading – April 13, 2009
Adoption Consideration – April 13, 2009
APC Positive Recommendation – February 11, 2009

Jennifer Miller presented this item explaining the changes to the Centennial PUD. She went on to explain that this comes before the Council with a positive recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission.

John Dipple made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 09-05 at the first reading. Bob Horkay seconded. The Council took a voice vote. Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-05 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

City Council Comments:

Bob Smith gave an update of activities of the Advisory Plan Commission.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Cook expressed his appreciation on the direction of the Council in regard to Fireworks.

President Kingshill invited the public to stay for a continuing education session of Community Development.

Adjourn:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President