



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Karen Foley – Social Welfare Board

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

2208 Sycamore Court Zoning Redistricting (Item #7 Bill #839-22) The City Council approved a request for Zoning District change from Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Commercial (C-3) for the lots located at 2208 Sycamore Court. Previously, a legal conforming duplex was proposed for the property, but a building permit was not issued. The change will provide consistent zoning between the owners' properties and allow for the possibility of expanding business offerings in the future. The Planning Commission previously recommended approval of the zoning district change.

2631 Jules Zoning Redistricting (Item #8 Bill #840-22) The City Council approved a request for Zoning District change from Detached Single-Family Residential (R-1A) to Two-Family Residential (R-2) for the property located at 2631 Jules Street. Currently, a structure on the property has two units but is only zoned for single-family use. The property was a legal nonconforming duplex, however recently changed ownership. City Code requires properties to be brought into compliance when property is sold, exchanged, traded, or otherwise changes ownership. The Planning Commission previously recommended approval of the zoning district change.

City Code Amendments to Boards & Commissions (Items #9-12 & #15-17) The City Council approved multiple amendments to the Code of Ordinances that outline various changes to provide uniformity and improve consistency across boards and commissions. Chapter 2 "Administrative Code" Article V "Boards and Commissions" previously contained 24 boards and commissions. Two of those boards will be removed entirely due to lack of activity and need, five boards will remain as previously written, and the remaining seventeen boards will be revised in a consistent manner to cross-reference language contained in Division 1, "Generally Applicable Provisions." Seven boards will be incorporated

from other Chapters within the Code. Additionally, all boards and commissions will be placed in alphabetical order for easier reference. The changes reflect an ongoing effort to improve the accessibility and navigability of the Code of Ordinances.

Police Department Equipment Purchase (Item #19 Bill #849-22) The City Council authorized the purchase of eight handguns and four holsters for the Police Department's firearms instructors. The initial purchase for instructors prepares the Police Department for complete handgun replacements that are scheduled to occur after the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2024. The department's current handguns are approximately 17 years old, and the exact model is no longer being offered by the manufacturer. The early purchase of these firearms and holsters are necessary for the firearms instructors to begin training and become familiar with the handguns prior to the department's changeover.

Friends of the Animal Shelter Agreement (Item #23 Bill #853-22) The City Council authorized an agreement with Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS) to recognize the organization's contribution to the design and construction of a new animal shelter. As previously announced, FOTAS raised approximately \$1.6 million through fundraising campaigns over the course of several years for the purpose of assisting the City with the animal shelter project. The agreement formalizes that contribution, governs the terms of the contribution, and outlines various items to be included in the new shelter.

Messanie Street Repairs (Item #24 Bill #855-22) The City Council authorized an agreement with J.D. Bishop Construction, LLC, for street repairs to various areas along Messanie Street from 31st to 34th Street. Temporary repairs were completed but further repairs will extend the street's lifespan. By replacing the damaged sections, the risk of harm to surrounding concrete panels will be significantly reduced, enhancing the longevity and durability of the heavily trafficked area. City crews initiated the necessary repairs but must return to ongoing concrete assignments. Therefore, J.D. Bishop crews will finalize the required repairs.

Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center Agreement (Item #27 Bill #858-22) The City Council authorized an agreement with Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center to provide financial assistance through American Rescue Plan Act funding, to contribute to replacement of the roof at 702 Jules Street. The City's financial participation will cover only a portion of the costs for the project and will be distributed to Voices of Courage once the organization has obtained the remainder of the total funds necessary for completing the project.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

Parks Restroom Projects: Bids for construction of new restroom facilities at Corby Grove, Eagles Field, Hochman Park, Hyde Park, and Northeast Park came in over budget by \$694,758. Each facility is a 2019 Capital Improvement Program Sales Tax project. The CIP program has tentatively allocated \$310,531 for inflation-related cost overruns, leaving a \$384,227 overrun without a funding source. A special City Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 at 4:00 to discuss options.

Hyde Park and Northside Complex Aquatics Designs: The firm Confluence was previously selected as the design firm for the shallow-depth swimming pool project at Hyde Park and the splash park project at the Northside Complex near Krug Park. City staff and other design consultants met with Confluence representatives last week to discuss design concepts for both aquatic facilities. Those concepts will be utilized to begin developing preliminary conceptual plans that will be shared publicly before final design begins. Those preliminary conceptual plans are anticipated to be available during the upcoming summer.