

WORKSHOP OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 25, 2012

1:00 PM

Discussion Items

- I. 1:00 PM Grant Wainscott, Director Clayton County Economic Development discussed his 2013 Objectives and how Downtown Development Authorities are constituted along with the advantages of Opportunity Zones and other similar approaches to economic development. It was agreed that the City Manager and City Attorney will meet with Grant on these ideas. It was also agreed that the City Manager will arrange for a forum whereby developers and owners of vacated commercial buildings will share ideas on resolving the 21 empty boxes in the City.**
- II. Representatives of SA Development informed the City Council that they were in the process of closing the transaction on the Royal Oak Trailer Park, but part of their due diligence depended on what the City's permitted usages on the property were. It was made clear that the City had no intention of permitting the continuance of a trailer park in that location as it is a non-conforming use. It was agreed that the developers will present to the City by November 12, 2012 a letter outlining its plans for the property.**
- III. A discussion on the lack of revenue from the County on abandoned vehicles took place. The city had not received revenue from this source since 2009 which presented a great deal of speculation as to the causes. It was agreed that the City Attorneys Office would produce an open records request along with an accounting inquiry on this subject.**
- IV. The subject of renting the Community Center to Government Agencies free of charge took place with the conclusion that no change to the current rental charges would take place and to see**

what requests come in in the future to ascertain a more definitive policy in this regard. With specific mention of the County DA wanting to rent the facility it was agreed that there would be no charge except for the payment of the hourly wages paid to the Community Center Coordinator during the time the event is in session.

- V. Garbage fee issues surfaced wherein some residents thought their past due garbage fees would be cited on their current tax bills which is not the case because prior to the tax bills being issued in October 2012, the garbage fees were considered a fee, not a tax. Those delinquent garbage fees will now be the subject of a collection agency operative. It was agreed that those residents who have specific financial hardships will be given a form to fill out explaining their situation. The City Council would then rule on that given situation in terms of permitting an installment payment arrangement. It was also agreed that in addition to the notices which have already gone out to the residents on this subject that the collection agency will also send out further information as well as the City's December 2012 Newsletter containing more clarification.**
- VI. The City Manager offered the suggestion that a "creative session" be arranged with a trained facilitator wherein the City Council Members and the City Attorney with the City Manager engage in establishing a vision and legacy as a planning device for the preparation of the FY 2013 budget. The Council members approved unanimously.**
- VII. Since the November workshop falls on Thanksgiving this year, the date will change to November 15th at 9:30AM.**
- VIII. A short viewing of the website took place with suggestions from the Council and staff. It is anticipated that the finalized version will be shown to the Council at its meeting on November 12th.**
- IX. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00PM**