

Girl Scout Recycle Bins Request

Members of Girl Scout Troop 15199 from The Museum School spoke before the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) and provided handouts. They requested recycling containers be installed at Willis Park that match the current trashcans. There are five trashcans and, according to the Scouts' quote, a recycling container next to each one would cost \$811 each, not including installation. The group offered to contribute \$2,000 towards the project. The group also provided a petition signed by fellow students in support of the project. Latham Home Sanitation, the City's recycling provider, told the Scouts that pickup would be free if the recycling could be bagged and left at the curb. City staff will research what resources will be required from the public works department before the BOMC commits to fulfilling the request.

Capital Budget – Davenport Presentation

Doug Gebhardt, of Davenport and Company, presented their analysis. He said City staff provided him with a list of capital needs projects (such as storm water infrastructure, rebuilding the street grid, dredging Lake Avondale). His goal is tell the Board and staff about some of the tools that can be used to achieve those goals while minimizing the financial impact on residents. He adds that the City would ideally have a five-year rolling capital improvement plan that's linked into the operating budget with long-term revenue and financing strategies. The City has historically spent extra money on capital improvements as it became available. Mr. Gebhardt described different formulas used to determine debt capacity and affordability. He ran through various scenarios for funding the capital projects through borrowing, taxes, storm water fees, and HOST/SPLOST funds. More discussion is planned for the April work session when City staff and Mr. Gebhardt expect to have a plan to recommend to the BOMC.

House Bill 302 Update

City staff sent letters on the BOMC's behalf to all the state legislators in opposition to this bill which would prohibit local governments from adopting design standards for one and two-family residences unless the property is historic. The bill did not move forward in the state legislature.

Lake Avondale Path Maintenance

Avondale Community Club (ACC) leaders researched remedies to the area of the lake path that continues to retain water. City staff is also consulting with Clark Patterson Lee (CPL), an engineering firm. CPL's recommendations will be brought back before the BOMC once they're received. Overall path maintenance is also in the works.

North Woods Affidavit for Land and Water Conservation Grant

An affidavit pledging that the North Woods area will remain a park forever is required as part of a grant application. This was passed at the regular meeting.

State of the City Preview

This year, the state of the City will be a stand-alone event. Everyone was encouraged everyone to attend. It will be held at Avondale Elementary School on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution to Authorize Investments

The City has used this fund for an extended period of time. The only people authorized to make changes to the fund are no longer employed by the City. A resolution is required to make changes to the City's account. That resolution was passed at the regular meeting the following Monday.

Fidelity Bank Cash Management Agreement

Fidelity Bank would like for the City to enroll in their Positive Pay program which helps decrease the risk of fraud. Enrollment requires approval from the BOMC. This item was passed at the regular meeting.

Proposed Arboretum

The Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) approached City staff to propose this project. Some examples of an arboretum in Oakhurst were shown on the projector.

Property Donation Request from DeKalb County for Signal Upgrade Project

The signal upgrade project the County is undertaking was explained and a map of the property in question was shown. A resolution is required if the City wishes to donate the land. The property is assessed at \$5,825. A resolution regarding this was passed at the regular meeting.

Floodplain Management Ordinances

This is essentially a date change on an ordinance that's required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Three readings will be required to make the change. The first reading was at the next regular meeting.

Temporary Closure of Center Street from Potter Avenue south to North Avondale Road

The Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approached City staff with this idea. A test run was done at the recent ArtWalk event. Staff suggested closing this area for a three-month trial period. Should the trial period be approved, traffic flow patterns and any other issues would be observed to measure the impact of the change. A vote on this item was deferred at the regular meeting the following Monday.