CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Study Session
Monday – June 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley (arrived after roll call), and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, City Clerk Bolam

ACTION ITEMS

A. Office Remodel

Director Neal explained the need for additional funds, and passed out a summary.

Councilmember Morton expressed concern about the various additional items not detailed on the agenda bill, and the fact that the skimming/sheetrock work and ceiling panels were not included in the original bid. Mayor Perry clarified that the carpet and the sink are the only two additional items that should have been needed; she doesn't know why the other items were not originally included.

The meeting was recessed at 7:18 pm to see the space and called back to order at 7:38 pm.

Discussion regarding various details ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to authorize an increase in the old Police Department remodel project, for a new not to exceed cost of $40,000, with new vinyl windows added to the scope.

Councilmember Manley believes we can get everything on the scope including vinyl windows for $31,000. Councilmember Ott explained the inclusion of tax and potential electrical costs.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/1 (Morton).

STUDY ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Plan & Uptown Design Standards

Planner Larson explained the packet materials. Questions and discussion ensued. Councilmembers indicated personal preference for the Conceptual Options presented:

- Councilmember Whalen – option 2, with serious concerns about drive-thru lanes between buildings and Meridian when on the same plane
- Councilmember Zaroudny – option 2
- Councilmember Ott – option 2
- Councilmember Manley – option 2 – like to see landscaping or other such visual buffer hiding a drive-thru – opposes on-street parking on Milton Way – not in favor of a drive-thru on the corner of Meridian and Milton Way
- Councilmember Morton – option 2 – does not want to see a drive-thru on the corner of Meridian and Milton Way
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor – ridiculous that there is no sidewalk access from Meridian into the parking lots – without that, keeping the drive-thru lanes against the roadway may make the most sense – opposed to on-street parking on Milton Way
- Councilmember Jones – option 2 – would like a visual buffer to hide drive-thru lanes – opposed to on-street parking on Milton Way
- Councilmember Whalen – supports on-street parking on Milton Way

Planner Larson clarified that there is no requirement for a developer to put on-street parking along Milton Way. The guidelines as proposed would allow a developer or the City to install on-street parking some day if desired.

Mayor Perry said that she would like the statement regarding pass-thru traffic changed to, "Economic development has occurred on Meridian due to the number of rooftops and high traffic volumes." She would like it noted that the standards should serve the need of everyone, walking and driving. And under Goal UD.1, both Policies UD1.3 and UD1.5 should read "require" rather than "encourage".

Speaker	Address	Comments
Aaron Laing	Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt	Thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership in this process, and Planner Larson for the collaborative relationship. Said that his client has turned completely since the April letter, and would have no opposition to any of the comments in tonight's meeting. Said that WSDOT has walled off pedestrian access along the majority length of Meridian. Favors landscaping to visually buffer any

		drive-thru aisles – supports design requirements to avoid prohibition. Addressed trigger thresholds and proportional compliance issues.

City Attorney Park clarified the city's position related to private development's CC&Rs.

The Mayor and Councilmembers expressed strong appreciation for Planner Larson's work on this packet item and the ease of understanding due to the colored pages.

The meeting was recessed at 9:31 and called back to order at 9:39 p.m.

B. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Director Neal explained this packet item and the necessity to approve it before July 1 of each calendar year. Questions and discussion ensued.

C. Re-examine Street Standards

Councilmembers chose to postpone this discussion due to time.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk