

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

JULY 28, 2015

4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner (arrived at 4:40 p.m.)

ABSENT:

Gregory Premer, Commissioner - excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director

1. Workshop for TC-1, TC-2 and DCR Character Districts for Outdoor Drinking and Dining

City Manager Wayne Saunders listed the discussion items to include:

- Drinking and/or dining on public property
- Public property areas to consider: sidewalks, streets, alleys
- Open to establishments that serve food
- Open to establishments that do not serve food
- Short-term solutions and long-term solutions

Community Development Director Jennifer Bryla gave the Power Point Presentation that focused on the downtown Corey Avenue area. Areas of discussion included:

- Angle parking and parallel parking
- Sidewalk "bump-outs" for parklets
- Conditional use permits
- Separate areas for drinking and/or dining
- Centralize similar businesses
- Rebrand the area as an entertainment district
- Sidewalk width
- Public restrooms and parking lot/garage
- "European" parking

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Tom Rodgers, Corey Avenue Business Association, spoke in support of charging a user fee to utilize portions of the roadway for customer service and seating. Mr. Rodgers also spoke in support of excluding the sidewalk area from the conditional use permit process.

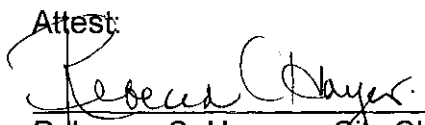
Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, spoke in opposition to designating the area as an entertainment district and in support of rearranging the sidewalk chairs in front of the Swigwam Bar into a more pedestrian friendly design.

City Manager Saunders responded that staff will return with two ordinances: one ordinance permitting sidewalk drinking and dining and one ordinance prohibiting sidewalk drinking and dining.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8-25-2015