

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5th, at 5:00 pm at Rosemount City Hall, Council Chambers, 2874 145th Street West.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Councilmember Weisensel, Block, Essler and Freske.

Staff present included City Administrator Martin, Park and Recreation Director Schultz, Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson, Community Development Director Lindquist, and Chief of Police Dahlstrom.

DISCUSSION

2.a. Review Initial Concept for Flint Hills Trailhead

Director of Parks & Recreation Schultz discussed the four preliminary concept plans for Flint Hills Athletic Complex which would be a joint project with Dakota County. The complex will be a restroom and concessions facility for the seven green fields at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex and trailhead for the Rosemount Greenway. Mr. Schultz discussed the four concept plans in further detail and compared the plans to other comparable establishments. The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends going forward with concept plan number 1, but to expand the bathrooms.

Staff is currently applying for two DNR Grants for additional funding; a regional trail grant and a parks improvement grant. The grant applications are due in March and will be awarded in June. The project is estimated to go out for bids in January 2022 and construction to follow in that year. Staff will also be asking the City Council to enter in to a joint powers agreement to cost share this project with Dakota County.

Council agreed on the first concept plan but suggested switching the mechanical door from the south side, consider solar paneling, have adequate support for bicyclists, and ensure there are additional tables.

2.b. Potential Sewer Service Extension

Community Development Director Lindquist provided additional information to assist in deciding whether to begin extension of public infrastructure. The area being discussed is the “triangle area” the neighborhood bounded by Hwy 3, Biscayne Avenue and 130th to the south.

Staff recommends exploring extension sanitary sewer to 130th Street and anticipates running water within the same sanitary sewer trench, which would be approximately \$425,000. Staff has reviewed the core funds and there appears to be enough funding to permit extension of water and sanitary sewer to 130th.

Council suggested inviting the neighborhood to a public meeting to get their feedback regarding the possible extension and discuss timelines for this to project. Council recommended staff also

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consider a larger future project, i.e. pave roads and prioritize this project among the others in order to better understand how soon this extension needs to take place and to prioritize funding. In the meantime, staff will start having conversations with the Anderson property as they are requesting a lot division on the potential extension.

2.c. Restaurant Outdoor Patio Regulations

Community Development Director Lindquist discussed a recent request for an outdoor patio located on the south side of the restaurant, adjacent to 151st Street and the Claret Springs townhomes. There are two issues raised by this inquiry based upon the current ordinances; the seating area shall not be permitted within two hundred feet (200') of any residential use and the patio or deck area shall be controlled and monitored continuously during the hours of operation.

Council suggested reviewing the current ordinance this summer as the distance requirement of 200 feet may be more than needed. There was no concern regarding noise control based upon the current plan and the hours of operation. Council also stated that the waitstaff coming in and out and a possible camera would satisfy the controlled and monitored requirement. Council advised staff to connect with the owner regarding the plans for trees, number of tables and additional greenery versus the tall boards.

The next steps would be for the request to go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. The restaurant owner did note that the owner reached out to the residents in nearby the townhomes and only one had an issue and the others either didn't respond or have an issue with the outdoor patio request.

UPDATES

3.a. Potential Land Donation

City Administrator Martin and Chief of Police Dahlstrom informed council the land donation that has been previously discussed has been locked down. Flint Hill will donate 20 acres north of the Flint Hills Athletic Complex. Next steps will be to finalize a cooperative agreement among the State, Flint Hills and the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Droste, second by Weisensel, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Fasbender
City Clerk