

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Land Use Committee

4:39 PM

Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West 10th Street

Members Present: Rick Kiley, Greg Neitzert, Theresa Stehly, Marshall Selberg

Members Absent: None

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Rick Kiley called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Monday, October 17, 2016

A motion was made by Greg Neitzert and seconded by Theresa Stehly to approve the minutes.

Committee Chair Rick Kiley called for a voice vote. All members said yes. Motion Passed.

3. Reports and Updates

Engineering Design Standards & Specification Updates by Shannon VerHey, A. Assistant City Engineer; and Principal Engineers Presentation: Approx. 35 minutes followed by discussion

Potential changes to be made to the Engineering Design Standards and Chapter 96-Sidewalks were discussed. Included in the discussion were a cleanup item and design standard requirements regarding erosion in Chapter 11, Drainage Improvements; and the size of rocks that can be used in Chapter 12, Erosion and Sediment Control.

Discussion followed regarding if the changes were being made to public or private access ways; the purpose of rip-rap and size of rocks; added costs; and potential savings.

Background information was provided on accessible sidewalks; how the changes are building upon the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the City's responsibility to comply with federal requirements. The current best practice is the Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), which was developed by the United States Access Board. The proposed changes were approved by IRAB, discussions were held with the Home Builders Association regarding sidewalk width, and they worked with a group of consulting engineers to review the changes to the design standards. Sidewalk design standards were removed from Chapter 8 Street Design and Pavement Thickness and placed in a newly created Chapter 16 Accessible Sidewalk and Protruding Objects, which was based on the Iowa Department of Transportation's Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS). An overview of Chapter 16 included: Intersection design, dual curb ramps, sidewalk width in residential driveways, and additional design detail. Updates to the Accessible Sidewalk Ordinance, clarified inspection requirements; clarified permit requirements; and rearranged for better flow.

Discussion topics included: fees associated with replacing sidewalks; sidewalk and driveway replacement; exemptions; when do the Engineering Design Standards apply; sidewalk ramps; the material that the sidewalk ramps are comprised of; whether or not the federal government inspects the sidewalks; subdivisions without sidewalks; and sidewalk obstructions.

B. Annexation Program by Mike Cooper, Director of Planning and Building Services Presentation: Approx. 15 minutes followed by discussion

The intent of the presentation was to begin a conversation on how to move forward with the annexation program. Dialogue included: a brief history of annexations; types of annexations - petitioned, city-initiated, and preannexation agreement; and the purpose of Annexations - better coordination of services and improvements; greater awareness of timing and expectations for improvements, and more equitable distribution of infrastructure and service costs. Also discussed was: what creates unannexed pockets of land within the City limits; Implications of having unannexed land within City limits; the annexation process; prioritization options; and decisions.

Discussion followed regarding: the need for documentation of annexation actions; the cost of annexations and potential interest rates; the number of properties currently on the annexation list; making sure residents are well informed; due process; keeping the City Council involved in the annexation process; the legalities of annexation; prioritizing the annexation list; the importance of communication; and how to move forward.

#### 4. Open Discussion

There was none.

#### 5. Adjournment

Committee Chair Rick Kiley adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, MMC

Assistant City Clerk