

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

University Place City Council

Date: May 17, 2021

Name of Observer: Kresha Warnock

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Worthington, Mayor Pro Tem; Javier Figueroa, Council Member; Kent Keel, Council Member; Ken Grassi, Council Member; Howard Lee, Council Member, Pro Tem; Denise McCluskey, Council Member; Stan Flemming, Council Member, Javier Figueroa.

Absent: Carolyn Belleci, Mayor

Others present: Matt Kazer, City Attorney; David Swindale, Development Services Director; Kevin Briske, Principal Planner; Steve Sugg, City Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATION • Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda as Proposed (Moved, seconded and approved)

- Approve the minutes of the April 24, 2021 and May 3, 2021 Council meetings as submitted.
- Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 04/30/21; and Claims dated 04/30/21.
- Adopt a Resolution providing City Council's intent to designate an additional area of the City's Town Center South District as a residential target area and setting a public hearing

MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg: Reviewing ways to improve animal registry revenues

Reports from Council Members:

- McCluskey visited UP Historical Society in person garden tour. Mari Leavitt and Bronkoski also along. Look forward to supporting us in the future.
- Fleming grateful to have the Asian Pacific Heritage Proclamation.
- Worthington: Chance to attend Association of Washington Cities (AWC) workshop in June. Will choose three delegates at next meeting. Enjoyed the Garden Tour.

STUDY SESSION

UNIVERSITY PLACE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA PROPOSAL

- A Veterans' Memorial will be located at the knoll at the entrance to Cirque Park from Cirque Ave. (Council needs to officially approve at future meeting). Moving from area on Bridgeport,

South of Cirque. No parking at current site, and it's noisy. Will take two months to construct once fully funded. Large veteran population in UP.

- Council enthusiastically would like to support with funding. Discussed proposals for maintenance. Proposal will move forward as soon as possible and staff will be asked to prepare a resolution.

HYBRID COUNCIL CHAMBERS PROPOSAL

A proposal was presented to provide the technology to enable Council to meet both through distance and in-person means at the same time. It involves

- Update software and hardware – Unified communications system
- Directional mike for public comment
- Large mobile monitor and also in overflow area.
- Council can attend in person or remotely, as can public and staff.
- Since Covid-related will be funded by Federal relief package funds.
- Will get resolution for next meeting.

MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION CODE CHANGES (Kazer, Kevin Briskey)

- Council discussed establishment of a third residential target area in UP. It will be designated Town Center South Zone and is located between 40th and 44th off of Bridgeport. It represents an attempt to redevelop this part of community and is projected to provide 104 market rate apartment homes.
- UP has been designated as a city to expand growth and need to add housing.
- Kazer – timing – you have to have a public hearing by resolution. On agenda for June 7.
- Discussion over value of adding apartments vs. retail. The consensus seemed to be that adding to the population, through more population, would add to the desirability of adding new or upgrading existing retail options in the area.
- There was also discussion on the proposed boundaries, specifically why the area on the Westside of Bridgeport was included.

Staff will provide two proposals at June 7 meeting, one including property on Westside of Bridgeport and one without.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP

Tabled until Mayor Belleci can be present.

Adjournment at 8:52 p.m.