

Councilor Plummer said that he agrees with Councilor Smith's comments on the lactation room availability and not having a cap on that. Ms. Gray said that the 18 months was in the prior handbook, but staff will look into Council comments further. A copy of the handbook has been provided to the bargaining units and additional feedback received will be vetted with Legal Counsel and brought back for Council consideration at the May meeting.

2.2 Council Goal 2.2 for 2019-2020 of reconvening Citizen Involvement Committee to make recommendation on the formation of neighborhood associations

Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Coordinator Elizabeth Gray explained that this item concerns Council Goal 2.2 looking at the possible formation of neighborhood associations. The 2013 Citizen Involvement Committee report was included in the packet which was accepted by City Council in October 2013, but never formally adopted. The 2016 Community Survey does indicate an interest in neighborhood associations. She is seeking Council's feedback on how they would like staff to pursue this goal moving forward. The staff report includes a few options; including, additional resources on the website, utilizing Map Your Neighborhood activities, and coordinating a Neighbor Fair.

Councilor Freilinger referred to an email from Councilor Sears. He said that he supports Councilor Sears's recommendation to reconvene the Citizen Involvement Committee in order for them to develop a proposal on the formation of neighborhood associations.

Councilor Smith said if there are neighborhood associations formed through this process and they want formal city presence at their meeting then that should be accommodated. She agrees that the Citizen Involvement Committee should be tasked with defining the boundaries and then they would lead the charge on the formation of the associations, not necessarily Council or City staff.

Councilor Plummer said the City would benefit from having neighborhood associations and the most difficult part is going to be drawing the boundaries. Once the leadership is established they can be more self-sufficient. He feels that it is worth pursuing.

Councilor Carter described her experience with the Abiqua Homeowners Association and how people tend to be more active when there was an issue everyone was mad about. Then once that issue is resolved people become less interested. She suggested starting with the Neighborhood Watch groups.

Mayor Palmer said he doesn't see this as something the City should be involved in, if a neighborhood wants to form something it should be up to them. The City doesn't have the capacity to provide staffing. If the Citizen Involvement Committee decides to lead the charge he would be okay with that.

Councilor Smith inquired about the Map Your Neighborhood Program and how much participation it garnered. Ms. Gray explained that previous staff did a lot of work in the mobile home parks and was just starting to branch out to additional neighborhoods. That model suggests 20 households be considered a "neighborhood". That neighborhood would then plan for emergency response in the area. It was sometimes challenging getting individuals to attend the meetings.

City Manager Wurster referred Council to the recommendation from the Citizen Involvement Committee on page 81 which was that the City should engage with citizen groups, but not establish a formal neighborhood association program. The Committee would need clear direction from Council regarding their role in the formation of neighborhood associations, because they previously did not recommend them. Mayor Palmer said that he would like to see members of Citizen Involvement Committee feel empowered to discuss with residents potential boundaries and receive feedback from residents regarding what they consider as their neighborhood. Councilor Freilinger suggested an application process for neighborhood groups that want to be formally recognized. Discussion ensued about the size of the associations and how to ensure interest in the area.

Connie Yoder, 630 Schemmel Lane. Ms. Yoder explained her experience with a neighborhood association in Columbia Missouri. She said that they were formed in response to Wal-Mart doing something in their neighborhood, but they kept meeting and would send a coalition of representatives to

City Council meetings. She would envision an ad hoc process in Silverton where the neighborhoods would bring issues to the City Council and extend invites to their meetings when necessary.

Councilor Carter summarized the discussion and explained that Council wants to create a welcoming environment for the formation of neighborhood associations. Staff will promote the formation of associations through the website, but unless the neighborhood comes to the City, the City will not be involved. Staff will reengage the Citizen Involvement Committee to discuss the process further.

2.3 McClaine Street Reconstruction Project Update

Public Works Director Petra Schuetz provided a status update on the McClaine Street project. Included in the packet is a conceptual design based on the feedback from the February City Council meeting, as well as an updated cost estimate and the scope of work for final engineering. The estimated cost for final engineering and construction is \$5.1 million; this does not include undergrounding the utilities which is estimated to cost an additional \$1 million. Ms. Schuetz reviewed potential resources available to fund the project. She also reviewed additional funding sources that the City could pursue in order to fill the funding gap which is over \$1 million.

Councilor Carter thought there was consensus to have a multiuse sidewalk on one side of the street. She walks McClaine almost every day and the sidewalk on the west side of the street is not used, because it floods, is in the shade, and muddy. She stated that one wider multiuse path on the heaviest used side of the street should be sufficient. Mayor Palmer said he would agree that a wider multiuse path could be built on one side and a typical 4-6 foot sidewalk on the other side. Councilor Carter said that she would like to see the greenway between the pedestrians and vehicles.

Councilor Smith verified the project would still be \$1 million short even if the City were to max out the funds listed in the staff report. Director Schuetz indicated that would be the case and that shortfall does not include the undergrounding of utilities. She asked what the requirements would be to increase the City's membership in the Main Street Program. Staff will perform additional research about the program requirements and report back to Council. Staff further explained how the beginning fund balances roll over year after year.

Councilor Plummer asked about the discussion Council had about removing James Street, because that still makes sense to him. Director Schuetz explained that it would still need to be a permanent utility easement and staff would like to perform a circulation plan in order to gather more data. There was a study performed in 2016 that looked at closing James Street and the engineer at that time recommended not to close the street in order to allow emergency access and redundancy in the system to help support the C Street intersection. She said in her experience you generally do not want to vacate public right of way. She said that PGE would not be in favor of vacating that road unless they had a private access to their station. The road will likely need to be torn up due to needed sewer improvements as part of this project and the City would like to see if PGE would help with the street improvement. Councilor Plummer said the City should look at all funding options with the bond being the last option. He agrees with Councilor Carter and every foot taken away from the sidewalk on the west side should be added to the greenway on the east side between the cars and the pedestrians. This could allow for a 6-7 foot greenway. Director Schuetz said that staff will be investigating if the greenway will be able to contribute to a lower impact stormwater facility as well.

Councilor Smith said that rolled curbs are a bad idea and will lead to parking in the area. Mayor Palmer said that he agrees with Councilor Plummer and would like to see a bigger greenway and smaller sidewalk on one side of the street.

Director Schuetz asked for direction on the timing of the circulation plan and when final engineering should begin on the McClaine Street project. She indicated that there are some funds remaining in this fiscal year's budget to begin that work. Councilor Smith would like to see the undergrounding of utilities as an added alternate to the final engineering and she doesn't want to deplete all the funds listed for this one project. Director Schuetz said the circulation plan is estimated to cost \$60,000 and is not budgeted. There was Council consensus to move forward with both projects this fiscal year. Council is opposed to looking

at a bond or LID as a funding option for the project. There was also consensus to engineer the sidewalks as follows:

- West side of the roadway: 5 ft. wide sidewalk with a 4-6 ft. wide greenway
- Roadway: 26 ft.
- East side of the roadway: 8 ft. multiuse path with a 4-6 ft. wide greenway

This project will optimize the roadways and turning radius. Council would like to see a minimum of 4-6 foot greenway with trees on both sides of the street. Staff consulted with Mark Owens, Project Engineer regarding Councilor Sears's comments provided via email and distributed Mr. Owen's response to Council.

III. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Christy Wurster reminded Council that they need to file their Statement of Economic Interest by April 15, 2019. The Annual Pet Parade is scheduled for May 18, 2019. Staff has been looking into ways to streamline the business license process for contractors that are coming in for permits. She explained the potential process and said it will be on a future agenda for consideration. City staff met with the Marion County Public Works Director regarding the traffic situation on Grant and Western. Unfortunately this project is not included in their current 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and will require a full reconstruction. City staff and Marion County are looking into other potential solutions, such as designating some marking on the pavement that would help slow down traffic and/or creating a pedestrian pathway. Lastly, Council excused her from the June 17, 2019 Special Meeting.

IV. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Plummer noted a very narrow gap between the foot bridge over Silver Creek and the fence/barrier. He asked staff to look at the gap and see if the fence or railing could be extended, because it is a long drop to the creek. He also asked about painting the roundabout at Coolidge McClaine Park. He commented about things he has been reading that has him concerned regarding recent votes of City Council. It has always been his understanding that following a vote that the majority decision is the decision of the Council. A Councilor might not agree with it, but moving forward that decision should be supported by the entire body. He hopes as matters come up about decisions that have been made that everyone views those as a Council rather than as an individual and how they voted.

Councilor Smith said she and Mayor Palmer received a message giving the City kudos to the performance of the demolition contractor at the Eugene Field site. She explained her experience with trucks not complying with truck route signs and inquired about possible ways to make them comply.

Councilor Freilinger reiterated that he would like to see the City take over jurisdiction of Western and Grant from Marion County. He worries about the children and waiting ten years is unacceptable.

Councilor Carter explained that dictionary.com defines commons as land or resources belonging to or affecting the whole of community and free dictionary defines it as attractive land usually in a centrally located spot belonging to or used by a community as a whole. She proposed that the City address the Eugene Field property as Eugene Field Commons. Council was agreeable to that name. Council discussed the possible interim uses for Eugene Field Commons, including parking, planting grass to be used as a sports field, and open green space. She said that the walk your wheels signs on the sidewalk are very faint and are being ignored by pedestrians. She received an email from a student regarding black roofs and if there is equal energy savings in the winter. She said that overall in winter as well as summer black roofs cause a 40 percent increase in energy consumption due to low angle of sun, lack of sunny days, and the fact that heat rises. She would like to see the City amend its codes to address sustainable practices. She will not be in attendance at the April Council meeting. Lastly, she would like to have a status update on the reservoir. Director Schuetz said the dam inspection report should be available in three months and that would be a good time to do that.

Director Schuetz responded to the ideas regarding interim uses at Eugene Field Commons and indicated that now is not the optimal time to plant grass due to irrigation costs. Councilor Carter said that the dirt was blowing everywhere and needs to be contained. Staff said that there is old pavement under the dirt

which can serve as a hard surface for parking. Councilor Carter would like to take money out of the parks and maintenance budget to plant grass.

Mayor Palmer explained how he has been responding to individuals regarding the plastic bag fee and explaining his vote. He believes that when a decision is made the Council needs to be united. He said that he was unenthused about the article in the Statesman Journal regarding the Urban Renewal District expansion and the sensationalism of the article which was written based on the meeting video.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Freiling made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/Angela Speier, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk