

City of Mabton, Washington
City Council
Study Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Mario Martinez called the study session meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Present:

Council members Sophia Sotelo, Arturo DelaFuente, Oping Hutson and Mark Gourneau. Council member Vera Zavala was absent (which was voted on by the city council as an excused absence).

City Administrator Walt Bratton, City Attorney James Carmody, City Engineers David Van Cleve & Jamin Ankey and Julio Renteria; Police Chief Claude Cox; Scott Miller, Director of Yakima County Emergency Management Services Department; Andy Cervantes, Dept. of Health; Virginia Molina (citizen) and 4 other private citizens; Richard Galland (citizen).

Absent:

Fire Chief Luke Cussins; City Council member Vera Zavala (excused absence).

Old Business:

A. **Beautification Commission May 2016 nominations (1 from North side & 1 from South side):**

The City Council voted and selected the following two homes as May 2016 Beautification winners of the month, North side was (Diane Storslee, 115 Washington Street) and South Side was (Maria Bazaldua, 504 South 6th Street). Certificates will be mailed out to both winners as well as both residents will be invited to receive their certificates/awards and be recognized at the next city council study session/meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

B. **Usage of West Modular Unit next to the Mabton Methodist Church in Feezell Park by the Greater Mabton Association (GMA):**

The City Council discussed that usage of the Mabton Methodist Church west modular unit by the Greater Mabton Association (GMA) non-profit organization for planning purposes, meetings and logistical site for the annual Mabton Community Days special event on Saturday, June 18, 2016. After lengthy discussion the council approved to bring Resolution No. 2016-06 to the City Council Meeting for approval by the governing body with the following stipulations;

- Vera Zavala, Oping Hutson & Sophia Sotelo all acknowledge that they are board members and active on the GMA (greater Mabton Association) group
- That the Greater Mabton Association (GMA) submit a certificate of insurance covering liability for the City of Mabton as well as naming the City of Mabton as an additional insured while the GMA uses the west modular unit for all functions, meetings, and purposes associated with this Resolution 2016-06
- That the Greater Mabton Association (GMA) submit a refundable deposit in the amount of \$50.00 to the City of Mabton to cover the usage of the west modular unit
- That staff complete a walk-through with the GMA prior to checking out a key for their usage
- That the Resolution No. 2016-06 usage date for this approved usage of the Mabton Methodist Church West Modular Unit by the GMA is good through December 31, 2016

This was approved by the governing body.

C. **B Street and Main Street improvement project intersection replacement:**

City Engineer David Van Cleve updated the city council on this project and its start date and status of completion. City Engineer David Van Cleve discussed specific items pertaining to components of this project and the governing body provided their input and selection on the intersection at Main Street & B Street as a component of this project.

D. Sewer line replacement on B Street:

City Engineer David Van Cleve elaborated on this item and the status of this project moving forward. He stated that it will be a busy infrastructure improvements projects year in 2016 in the City of Mabton and to educate citizenry to be patient with these necessary improvements to the city because they are past due and definitely needed for the betterment of the community.

New Business

A. Updating the Yard Sale Ordinance No. 1983-608:

City Administrator Walt Bratton updated the council on this old city ordinance. He stated that the revisions that were discussed at the April 12, 2016 City Council Study Session were made to the handout and that if it was approved tonight that it would be sent to the City Attorney's Office to complete a revised/updated City Ordinance on this subject and brought forth to the governing body at the next city council meeting as an amended Ordinance re: Yard Sales. The city council approved the draft and directed the City Attorney to bring it back to the next city council meeting as an amended Ordinance for the City Council to approve.

B. City Park Playground Project funding gap (update):

The Mayor and City Administrator (Walt Bratton) elaborated on this project. Currently the balance in the earmarked City Park Playground Project in Banner Bank was approximately \$30,600. The Playground Project Plans have a budget need of 106K so the donation campaign is still needed approximately 75K. If the City of Mabton's donated portion was 30K that stills leaves a needed budget authority/in donations of approximately 45K (without the 2 additional shade structures that were an element of this project outside of the Playground Project Plans). The City Council voted to continue to solicit donations on the GoFundMe campaign and assist Kendra Webby Davis in this regard. The Council will revisit this subject in a couple of months to see the status of the balance in the earmarked City Park Playground Project. The City Council supports this project.

C. WCIA business meeting attendance by a City Council member, in Yakima on Wednesday, May 4:

The Mayor stated that this is a mandatory meeting for a member of the city council to attend. The city's delegate is Council member Sophia Sotelo and she stated she was not able to attend this meeting. The Mayor requested Council member Arturo Delafuente attend in Sophia's behalf. Council member Delafuente stated he would let the Mayor/City Administrator know if he could attend this meeting on Wednesday, April 27.

Visitor's Comments:

- None

Executive Session:

Personnel Matters Start Time: 6:42 pm End Time: 7:10 pm

There were no decisions made as result of this executive session.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm

Walt Bratton, City Administrator

Mario Martinez, Mayor