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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2023 Work Session Minutes

City Administrator Ron Harding began the Work Session discussion at 6:17PM. Present in-person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, Katie Wallace, Douglas Cox and Walter Wick. Council absent: Scott Lee. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding and City Clerk Traci Nichols. The work session was recorded, and the minutes of such will be released later.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

City Administrator Ron Harding began the work session by discussing the City's Vision Plan.

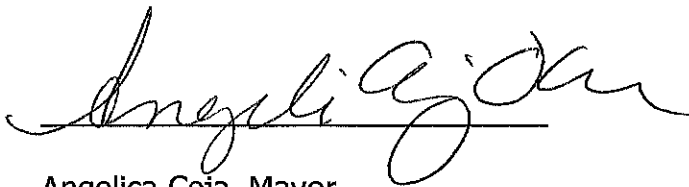
Discussion included:

- **HB3115.** Staff will address the Bill. The approach will be to meet the requirements of the Bill, while adhering to the vision of a great place to live, clean neighborhoods and robust parks. The code changes should be kept simple as possible. The idea is to protect parks and residential areas by disallowing camping in those areas while allowing it in other City regions.
- **New Public Works Facility.** CA Harding discussed with Council the progress, thus far. He advised that the construction of the new facility had gone out for bids, but the results of the bids came in at \$900,000 over what the City's budget for the project was. Council agreed that if the City can secure financing for the \$900,000 we are short, move forward with construction. Staff will explore loan options.
- **Development Code Changes.** Council would support changes in the Interchange Development Zone that clearly address barriers to the type of commercial development the City wants. Considering the integrated shopping development plan type, the City could consider parking, signage, height limitations and mixed-use. The idea is to ensure that we mitigate block development and protect the mixed-use livability. Council supports a creative plan for overall parking in other areas that allow for smaller spaces if we make sure spaces are available for larger vehicles.
- **Enforce the Code.** Approach this with the intention of achieving compliance – but Council/Staff understand that we are not required to enforce the codes. This will lead to increased contact with the Council – but we understand we are implementing a code for a reason to protect the community at large, not for or against one individual.
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.** Continue to prioritize this. Staff will be pursuing grants, financing and other options to fund the facility's construction. Council will be invited to a one-stop meeting with funding agents. Staff will also create a

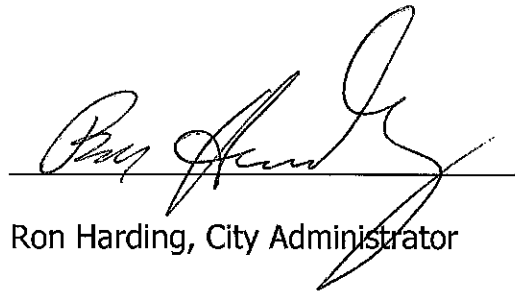
petition form for Council to take door-to-door to acquire signatures of support to present to legislators. Mayor Ceja will lead this effort, and coordinate with Council.

- **Explore Alternative Partnerships for Party in the Park Event.** This would allow an independent vendor to take over facilitation of the event. There is a possibility of a street dance in the business district. Staff will ensure the proposal process is fair and equitable. Council's primary concern is ensuring we have some control over the event that maintains quality, and continues to attract our community. If the City can't coordinate with a vendor in time to take over the event, Party in the Park will be held regardless – using City funding. It will be kept separate from the Corn Festival. Council understood City Staff is prioritizing grants for water/sewer projects, which means we may not have as much success as in the past at maximizing returns for the Corn Festival. The theme Council chose for Corn Festival is 'Hot Buttered Nights'.

City Administrator Ron Harding ended discussion at 9:26PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator

/s/ Respectfully submitted by Traci Nichols, City Clerk

