

City Council Work Session

January 3, 2011
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) x Hanel, x Ronquillo, x Gaghen, x Cimmino, x Pitman, x McFadden, x Ruegamer, x Ulledalen, x McCall, Astle, x Clark.

ADJOURN TIME: 9:00 p.m.

Agenda

TOPIC #1	Park V Land Purchase
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

Ms. Volek advised it was her understanding the Downtown Partnership would be doing the presentation that evening. She said the Assistant City Administrator was not present that evening and she was not certain if the Downtown Partnership had been contacted. Ms. Volek said the item would be delayed until another meeting.

Councilmember Ulledalen asked for the location of Park V land purchase. Ms. Volek advised it would be in conjunction with the potential construction of a new garage in the Northern Hotel and Crown Plaza area.

Councilmember Cimmino asked if it was estimated at \$4 million for the land purchase. Ms. Volek advised she did not have the dollar amount.

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers and the public comment period was closed.

TOPIC #2	Electronic Friday Packets
PRESENTER	Tina Volek
NOTES/OUTCOME	

Ms. Volek advised the subject arose because there were some members of the public that wanted to know if the agenda items for the council work sessions could be made available to the public. She asked if the Council would be willing to receive their Friday packets on line instead of having the courier deliver them. She said if there were members who wished to continue to

receive the Friday packets in hard copy, they would continue to deliver them. She said it would save copying and transportation costs. Ms. Volek advised any mail that came in during the week that was normally included in the Friday packet delivery could be mailed to them.

Councilmember McCall said she thought it was a great idea. Councilmember Pitman said the mail could be picked up throughout the week or on Monday nights and did not need to be mailed. He said it had been an incredible project that had saved the staff and the city hundreds of hours and thousands and thousands of dollars in expenses, and they were on the right track.

Ms. Volek asked if anyone who wanted to continue receiving paper copies, to let her know.

Councilmember Clark asked if someone could check his mail to see if there was anything that was time sensitive that might need to be addressed before they received it.

Councilmember Gaghen advised that she and Councilmember Ronquillo would like to continue to have their Friday packets delivered. Councilmember Ruegamer advised he would like to receive his Friday packets electronically. He said not to waste money sending him anything through the mail and he would wait to receive it on Monday.

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

TOPIC #3	Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Kevin Nelson** asked if there was any way to dedicate the money currently being spent to plow bike paths in the parks to the snow emergency fund instead. He said the park paths were plowed for no reason. He said the money could be better used helping people who did not have the financial, mechanical, or physical means to remove snow from sidewalks on the arterial side of their property.

Mayor Hanel said the bike paths were used for more than just biking. Mr. Nelson said they should try to help the people who needed it first before plowing the paths for bikers and runners.

- **Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks,** said he disagreed with Mr. Nelson. He said the paths used by children to get to school needed to be plowed. He said there was no reason for the tunnel under Main Street to be plowed.

Councilmember Ulledalen agreed with Mr. Zurbuchen. He said they had county subdivisions that were annexed into the City that did not have curb, gutter, sidewalks, and narrow substandard streets, and children were forced to walk down the middle of the street to get to school. He said

the bike path along Rimrock was the only way the kids had to get to Arrowhead School, even though they had to walk down the street to get to the bike path.

Mr. Zurbuchen said he could not see where Cabela's or Sam's was paying a garbage fee on his taxes. Councilmember Clark advised there were private companies in town that businesses could contract with for five years after annexation. Ms. Volek advised she would double check on it.