

BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

November 5th, 2009

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ware called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilors Chambers, Shepherd, Gerber, Van Sandt and Ginn present. Councilor Cole was excused. Also present were City Administrator Scott McDowell and City Planner Bill Sattler.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: NONE

ACTION ITEM:

1. Appointments to Parks & Open Space Committee. Mr. McDowell said that there are two openings on the Parks Committee due to Walter Heeren and Pat Biesinger completing their terms. He said that Marilyn Grimes and Pat McDermott had applied for the positions and recommended that the Council appoint them to fill the vacancies. Councilor Gerber moved that Ms. Grimes and Ms. McDermott be appointed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chambers and was approved unanimously.


DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Comprehensive Plan Review. Mr. McDowell provided the background and backdrop of the issues to be discussed, explaining how representatives from the Cascades West Council of Governments had suggested the possibility of updating the City's Comprehensive Plan as part of its economic development effort. Mr. McDowell explained that as the City's population is less than 2,500, it is not required to update its Plan and that the process is lengthy and expensive as described by Ed Moore from the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD). He recommended that the City not enter into that process unless something could be identified in the Comprehensive Plan which is an obstacle to the Council's efforts. Mr. McDowell provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Goals and Policies of the current Comprehensive Plan and went through each section of the Goals and Policies. After reviewing the Goals and Policies the consensus of the Council was that there was nothing present which would hinder their efforts at economic development and they decided not to pursue the issue any further.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Ginn moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilor Van Sandt and was approved unanimously. The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



City Administrator S. Scott McDowell



Mayor Don Ware