

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 27, 2019, AT THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 4:30 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rudy Schultz, Mayor
Brian Forrester, Councilmember Ward 1
Doug Weston, Councilmember Ward 2
Ryan Orcutt, Councilmember Ward 3
Vicki Lewis, Councilmember Ward 4

Dean Kruthof, City Manager
Ben Loring, City Attorney
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

The agenda for the meeting was posted in the main lobby and the north outside entryway of the Miami Civic Center at 3:20PM on August 26, 2019.

THE COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM IN THIS AGENDA:

Call to Order

Mayor Schultz called the meeting to order at 4:31PM.

Presentation of Wardog Junior Police Cadets Program

Officer Andrew Hanson presented the Wardog Junior Police Cadets program. This program will be similar to the Boy Scouts Explorer program. The applicants apply for the program like they would apply for a job. Applicants will need to be completing their eighth (8th) grade year or older to participate in this four (4) year program. They will learn first aid, CPR, and have their own uniform, but will not be allowed to handle firearms. Youth will be able to use this experience on college scholarship applications. The state statute doesn't allow anyone younger than twenty-one (21) to become a police officer. Joplin, Missouri has a similar program and have hired ten percent (10%) of their graduating cadets. Uniforms will be purchased at a discount through the school system. The goal is to recruit twenty (20) youth. Youth will complete a physical fitness test. A board has been created to oversee the program. Youth can be terminated from the program at any time.

No action taken.

Discussion of Boring Under Streets and Street Cuts Ordinance

Ben Loring explained contractors working on houses have had to make cuts in the streets or sidewalks and have not restored the streets or sidewalks to the pre-work condition. The ordinance requires a no cost permit and will have stricter penalties for violations. Repeated violations for not following ordinances can be a reason to deny them future permits. The ordinance includes the requirement to call OK dig at least forty-eight (48 hrs.) in advance to digging. The ordinance also allows contractors to deal with an emergency without absolving their liability.

No action taken.

Discussion of Panhandling and Solicitation Ordinance

Ben Loring requested guidance from the Council on how they would like him to proceed with drafting the ordinance. Loring reviewed Branson, Joplin, Oklahoma City, and Grove's ordinances. Property owners have the right to not allow soliciting on their property. Using solicitation is a broader term and prohibiting on public property will prevent a nuisance. The consensus was to focus on no solicitation on public property.

No action taken.

Discussion of New Flood Ordinance

Dean Kruthof explained he received a letter from Mr. Kraft, the President & CEO of Hopkins Manufacturing. Kraft expressed his concern with how the new FEMA flood maps and flood ordinance impact Hopkins Manufacturing. The flood ordinance must be approved by Council, FEMA and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) before September 13, 2019. There will be a Special meeting on September 11, 2019 to allow Hopkins time to review the flood maps and ordinance. Jim Calcagno Vice President of Operations at Hopkins explained that the building flooded twice in May 2019. Kristi McClain explained that if the flood maps are not approved by the deadline then the City could lose the ability to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Kristi McClain explained that substantial improvement has been defined in the ordinance and will now be cumulative. The database provided by FEMA will be used moving forward and will include commercial and residential properties.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Councilmember Orcutt moved to adjourn. Councilmember Weston made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Orcutt, Aye Weston, Aye Lewis, Aye Forrester, Aye Schultz, Aye

Mayor Schultz declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.



Councilmember Lewis



Councilmember Orcutt




Councilmember Forrester



Councilmember Weston



Mayor Schultz

ATTEST: 

Melissa Moore, City Clerk

