

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 4, 2022
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Susan St. Ores and Councilmembers Michele Hanson, John Dahl, and Ethan Gilmore

Members absent: Councilmember Connie Carlson

Staff present: City Administrator Adam Bell, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, and Public Works Director Matt Kline

DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2022

Administrator Bell reviewed the list of goals and projects carried over from 2021, which are grouped into six categories, including administration, infrastructure, community development, ordinance/policies, parks/recreation, and technology. He acknowledged that many of the tasks/projects on the list are already in process/ongoing or completed, but there are also several that have not yet been initiated. Following discussion, the consensus of the City Council was to prioritize the following projects for 2022:

- 1) Hold an open house/listening session with community business leaders
- 2) Pursue options to commemorate the city's centennial with a gazebo or similar landmark installation at Village Green Park (led by Bayport Community Action League/fundraising efforts)
- 3) Complete a stormwater/drainage improvement study
- 4) Complete a water rate study
- 5) Pursue mitigation of blighted commercial buildings and reuse options for the old Fire Hall building
- 6) Update the city's sign ordinance

Assuming the City Council approves the expenditure of funds to proceed with the stormwater drainage study at the regular meeting immediately following the workshop, work on that project will commence this spring. Subsequent workshops will be scheduled to discuss other priority goals/projects in the coming months, along with scheduling the business "open house" in May and the potential draft sign ordinance in June. Staff will also be researching options for the centennial project. It was noted that in July and August, workshops for discussion of the 2023 preliminary budget have been earmarked.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Hanson and seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the workshop at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.