

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 10, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Hanson at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Michele Hanson and Councilmembers John Dahl, Katie Hill, and Connie Carlson

Members absent: Councilmember Ethan Gilmore

Staff present: City Administrator Matt Kline, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, Police Chief Laura Eastman, Police Sergeant Jay Jackson, City Attorneys Eric Larson and Tom Loonan, and Fire Chief Allen Eisinger

DISCUSS ANDERSEN ELEMENTARY RELOCATION PUBLIC FORUM

Administrator Kline summarized the public forum held on June 21 and offered options for the city to consider to solicit further public comment on the potential relocation of Andersen Elementary School to Barker's Alps Park. Discussion followed on the various options, including developing a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) in response to resident comments received at the public forum to be distributed in the city newsletter, website, and social media, as well as conducting a community survey by direct mail. Stillwater Area Public Schools Superintendent Mike Funk commented on other potential locations for Andersen Elementary, which are in the southern portion of the district with limited walkability, but within 10 miles of Bayport. He also commented that the district initiated the conversation regarding the school relocation to Barker's Alps in an attempt to retain Andersen Elementary within Bayport and in close proximity to other partner organizations, such as the Bayport Police and Fire Departments, Croixdale, and Community Thread. Superintendent Funk reiterated reasons why the district is seeking a new campus for the school as opposed to retaining the current building in Bayport and constructing a new secondary school elsewhere in the district, including increased overhead costs and lack of efficiencies. Administrator Kline noted that if a district referendum passed this fall, it does not mean the school would be relocated to Barker's Alps Park. The consensus of the City Council was to develop a FAQ to be distributed within the next month in the city newsletter, website, and social media in August, followed by a community survey this fall.

DISCUSS REGULATION OF CANNABIS RELATED USES

Administrator Kline and City Attorney Larson reviewed various aspects of state legislation approved this session regarding cannabis and when the new laws will be put into effect. He noted that staff is looking for direction on regulating the sale of edibles and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which staff is recommending to regulate as a supplemental license to establishments that already have an existing liquor license. Administrator Kline then reviewed staff's recommendation to adopt an interim moratorium ordinance prohibiting the operation of cannabis and/or hemp businesses through January 1, 2025 and prohibition of cannabis use in public space to allow staff and the City Attorney additional time to identify options on regulation based on the new legislation for City Council consideration. The consensus of the City Council was to proceed with drafting an ordinance to regulate the sale of edibles and THC in conjunction with existing liquor license provisions and drafting an interim ordinance prohibiting cannabis and hemp businesses from operating until January 1, 2025 and prohibiting public use of cannabis. Further discussion of these proposed ordinances will occur at a future workshop and/or city council meeting prior to approval.

RECESS

Mayor Hanson announced the City Council would recess at 5:20 p.m. for a short break. The workshop discussion was resumed by Mayor Hanson at 5:25 p.m.

DISCUSS FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT ASSESSMENT

Administrator Kline outlined the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Step 1 of the fire service agreement assessment and noted that Bayport's fair share allocation is estimated at approximately \$4,000 if all communities participate. Discussion followed on whether it would be best to proceed with the assessment in the

coming months or delay until the new Oak Park Heights City Administrator is hired and can participate in the process later this fall. Staff was directed to discuss the proposals with other partner communities and to resume discussion at a future workshop, if necessary.

DISCUSS REGULATION OF GOLF CART USE

Administrator Kline noted that there has been a recent influx in golf cart and similar recreational vehicle use on city streets, particularly by minor youth without a driver's license. Registration and regulation would allow for minimum age requirements, enforcement of licensing, speed limitation, and hours of operation. The consensus of the City Council was to proceed with a draft ordinance for regulation and consideration at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Carlson and seconded by Councilmember Hill to adjourn the workshop at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.