

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Hanson at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Michele Hanson, Councilmembers John Dahl, Katie Hill, and Ethan Gilmore and Planning Commissioners Aaron Ochs, Carl Bliss, and Orin Kipp

Members absent: Councilmember Commie Carlson and Planning Commissioners Beth Kelly and Coleen Siegfried

Staff present: City Administrator Matt Kline, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, City Attorney Eric Larson, Fire Chief Allen Eisinger, and Public Works Director Simon Wirth

DISCUSS A DRAFT MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING OUTLINING TERMS OF SHARED USE FOR BARKER'S ALPS PARK WITH STILLWATER AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

City Administrator Kline noted that the city has worked with the school district over the past few weeks to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the terms of the shared use for Barker's Alps Park if Andersen Elementary is relocated to People's Congregational Church parcel, as proposed. He summarized the terms of the MOU, which include collaborative design, sizing, and use of the parking lot, as well as specifying that park facilities will generally be accessible to the public during school hours. Mayor Hanson provided an overview of progress to date regarding the relocation discussions, including a previous proposal to use Barker's Alps Park as the primary site for a new school and resident feedback regarding that proposal. However, the option to purchase the church property became a possibility within the past few months, which provides an alternate location for school facilities, with only a portion of shared use at the park, which primarily relates to parking. Discussion followed on the specific sections of the MOU, with consensus that park facilities shall remain generally accessible to the public during park hours. It was also suggested that the city and school collaborate on the potential for shared restroom facilities and that the city explore options with Washington County to continue the sidewalk on 5th Ave. N. to Barker's Alps Park and the school. Staff was directed to revise the draft MOU as discussed for consideration at the December 4 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Hanson and seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the workshop at 5:28 p.m. Motion carried.