

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
June 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McShan called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Theresa McShan, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member

Absent:

YaLecia Love, Council Member

Staff:

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Amy Miller, Community Services Director
Belen Pena, Finance Director
Chris Noble, Chief of Police
Beau Perry, City Engineer
Pam Sanders, Human Resources Director
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Discussion On The Proposed 2023 City Of Elgin Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Mattis commented that the staff's plates were currently full of projects. He stated that some of the projects can have grant funding or additional funding. Mr. Mattis asked the council to decide which projects were their priorities. Ms. Miller updated the council about the neighborhood meeting regarding the Thomas Memorial Park options. She stated that the consensus was to move forward with the shaded playground and surfacing. Ms. Miller stated that the parking lot still needs

to be redone. Mr. Mattis addressed some staffing challenges and concerns. Ms. Casnovsky stated there could be cost savings if we had staff who could work on this project. Mr. Mattis stated that the city was actively recruiting for laborer-type positions, but taking on side projects would be limited due to the current workload. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar left the dais and returned at 7:06 p.m. Discussion followed. Mr. Perry mentioned collecting park fees and allocating the funds toward specific projects. Ms. Casnovsky asked if a shaded structure could be placed over the existing playground for cost savings. Mr. Mattis stated that this was possible and expressed some concerns. Discussion followed. Mr. Mattis mentioned that ranked item number 2 regarding city hall was for the exterior focus only. The request for pickleball courts was new, and the other projects had been planned for several years. Discussion took place on the Brickston development and purchasing property for a new plant. Mr. Swain asked about the Kennedy Street flooding. Mr. Perry stated that Kennedy Street was under design, and the property acquisition needed to occur. He stated that the project was part of County Line Road Phase 3, and both would be a part of one large project. He talked to the grant writer, and they anticipated the idea that the project would be ready to bid by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Swain asked if we could start looking more into the city hall project. Mr. Mattis stated that staff in the past drew up a public/private partnership plan to extend downtown and combine a city hall with commercial uses. Discussion followed. Mayor McShan asked Ms. Stubbs to send the ranking forms and to include instructions.

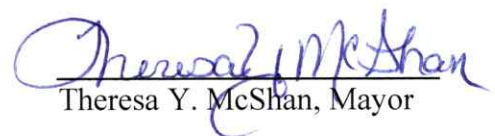
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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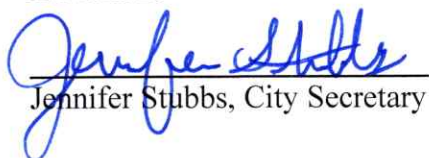
The City Council did not retire into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary