



HOLLADAY@20 *Preparing for Tomorrow*

Citizen Advisory Group

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: VIRTUAL – Zoom Conference Call

INVITED ATTENDEES:

Citizen Members

John Ashton, Chair
John Norton, Vice Chair
Kim Blair
Alan Eastman
Brett Graham
Larry Hoffmann
Julie (Yujie) McCracken
Jim Wilson

City Council Representatives

Mayor Rob Dahle
Council Member Paul Fotheringham, District 3

City Staff

Gina Chamness, City Manager
Paul Allred, Director of Community Development
Jared Bunch, City Engineer
Holly Smith, Assistant to the City Manager

Fred Philpot, LYRB
Kyrene Gibb, Y2 Analytics
Brian Wilkinson, Wilkinson Ferrari & Co.
Hilary Robertson, Wilkinson Ferrari & Co.

AGENDA

- I. 6:00 Welcome – John Ashton, Chair
- II. 6:00-7:00 Review and Finalize Recommendation Report
- III. 7:00-7:20 Discuss Timing of Presentation to City Council
- IV. 7:20-7:25 Determine Next Steps and Action Items
 - a. Next Meeting – TBD
- V. 7:30 Adjourn

NOTES

- Chair Ashton began the meeting at 6:05 p.m. He explained that the Group would start with a review of the draft report. The first 20+ pages were foundational in nature, and minimal time was spent discussing those elements. Chair Ashton provided time to Vice Chair Norton to review the options descriptions, evaluation, and the recommendation. Vice Chair Norton emphasized the Group's conclusion rests on real analysis, and expressed an opinion to keep the process going, even amid the COVID-19 environment. The situation at hand doesn't change the challenges facing the City, the infrastructure problems, or the work or recommendation of the Group fundamentally.
- Chair Ashton asked for Council feedback on the Group's work, its recommendation, and opinion for the Council to not delay their actions in the H@20 process. Mayor Dahle briefly commented that the Citizen Advisory Group was the first time the Council has formed such a committee. It has been a positive experience and the Group has fulfilled their role. He expressed that his initial feeling on timing of next steps was dictated by in the moment reactions to the pandemic, but he is rethinking that the timing of H@20 may need to continue this year as the best thing for the community.
- Paul Fotheringham echoed the Mayor's sentiments of initial fear of the current environment. He added that the property tax increase is even more essential as the City's sales tax revenue takes a hit. The City will need funding to continue essential public safety services. He suggested perhaps phasing the tax increase with some this year and some next year.
- Gina Chamness briefly provided some comments on the preparation of fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, which runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A preliminary budget is required to be presented to the Council at their first meeting in May, and the final budget must be adopted by June 22, 2020. If the Council decides to pursue a property

tax increase this year, the Truth in Taxation hearing would be held in August. These hearings are scheduled by the County, so the details are TBD and not controlled by the City. Gina plans to include flexibility in the budget given the volatility of revenue projections. If the Group would like to present their recommendation to the Council, it would work well to do this in late April or mid-May. The May option may allow the Group to present to the City Council in-person and there was a strong desire to allow residents to attend the Council Meeting as well, if the public gathering measures are lifted.

- The Group believes they have fulfilled their obligations, and respects the City Council's role to make the decisions on next steps. They want to provide the presentation of their recommendation in the next month. A date of May 14 was later determined as the best date.
- Brian Wilkinson and Hilary Robertson were asked by the Group to address COVID-19 impacts to the H@20 messaging. They echoed that finishing the charge of the Group now is important, and it will be positive for residents to see their local government continuing their work as normally as possible. The problems identified in H@20 are not going away. The presentation is an opportunity to show progress, demonstrate awareness of the situation, and how the recommendation is a tool to addressing short-term and long-term challenges.
- The Group asked about the familiarity of the Council with H@20. City staff hosted a briefing on the H@20 project with the three new Council members that took office in January 2020. Two of the new members also attended past Group meetings during their campaigns. The more tenured members are well aware of the challenges, and were part of the original Council that started this process.
- The Chair expressed gratitude to City staff and the consultant team. He was impressed with their commitment and knowledge. He was grateful for all members of the Group, and he was personally glad he participated.
- The Group will not hold future meetings; this meeting was their last.
- Holly Smith will be in touch via email to share the final recommendation report and draft presentation slide deck with members for review and comment. A dry-run of the presentation will also occur prior to May 14, and these details will be shared with Group members.
- The meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 p.m.