

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Special Meeting of the City Council
Saturday, June 10, 2023**

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Worthington called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance was noted as follows: Mayor Worthington, Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa, Councilmember Belleci, Councilmember Flemming, Councilmember Keel, Councilmember McCluskey, and Councilmember Wood.

Staff: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Executive Director/ACM Faison, Administrative Services Director Petorak, Community and Economic Development Director Briske, Police Chief Premo, Public Safety Administrator Hales, Police Chief Burke, Public Works Director Ecklund, and City Clerk Genetia.

Facilitator: Michael Pendleton (Pendleton Consulting, LLC)

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Worthington welcomed the Council and explained the meeting protocols. He introduced Michael Pendleton, the facilitator for this retreat. Mr. Pendleton went over the agenda with the Council.

HOUSING LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Community and Economic Development Director Briske reported on HB-1110 aimed at increasing more affordable housing options. This includes increasing middle housing - buildings having characteristics compatible with single family houses in areas dedicated to single family detached housing, including duplexes, 6 triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, townhouses, courtyard apartments, and cottage housing. He explained that the Bill does not allow cities to exceed middle housing types beyond the density requirements and that cities may achieve density requirements by allowing accessory dwelling units. He reported on applicability, development regulations, the implementation timeline and additional housing legislation. Director Briske provided an overview of accessory dwelling units as it relates to HB-1337 explaining what the City must consider and adopt to be compliant with the requirements.

Council discussed State control, preserving older home and neighborhood characteristics, data tracking, and potential impacts of accessory dwelling units and middle housing on affordability.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Police Chief Premo reported on the recently passed Public Safety Levy and next steps to recruit and staff the following additional positions it funded.

Business Impact Patrols (July 2023)

1 officer OT (4 hr. shifts M-F 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Traffic Enforcement Emphasis Patrols (July 2023)

1 officer OT (4 hr. shifts M-F 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

COO recruitment (Fall 2023) with hiring and internal re-organization completed (November 2023)

Support PCSD

UP investigator 1 day/week working in hiring unit (occurring now)

Negotiations for new hires (September 2023)

The Council expressed interest in immediate outreach with messaging to include shoplifting education, and the City's projected timeline. Council also indicated Interest in emphasis patrol and a resolution/study with regards to the Community Outreach Officer (COO) reorganization/hire.

ALLOCATION OF \$2.2M ONE-TIME MONIES

Assistant City Manager Faison shared information on changes to the City's sales tax revenue assumption and the projected ending fund balances for the general fund, public safety fund, and street fund. For Council's use in determining its allocation of the \$2.2 million in one-time discretionary funds, staff offered information surrounding Council Goal #3 – Infrastructure, Council Goal #4 – Engagement, and Council Goal # 5 – Recreation. Public Works Director Ecklund delivered data reflecting Public Works budget deficits for staffing, maintenance, and vehicle purchases that impact the City's ability to maintain its infrastructure and regarding Recreation, he offered three options for the City to explore recreation partnerships with outside groups.

After discussion, Council showed interest in allotting \$250,000 towards developing a recreation partnership; \$118,000 to purchase 2 public works vehicles, \$64,000 for a content creator contract to increase community engagement, and dedicating the remainder of the monies to the general fund with stipulations that those funds remain for the use of one-time monies. The reported staffing deficits would be studied during a budget amendment discussion.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by:

Emy Genetia
City Clerk