

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Clear Lake City Council met in special session on Monday, July 23, 2012, at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at City Hall, with Mayor Nelson P. Crabb presiding. Council Members present: Boehnke, Unsworth, Callanan, Nelson. Absent: Brant.

Callanan moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Boehnke. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Crabb announced that it was the time and place for the citizen's forum. There was no citizen comment.

Scott Flory, City Administrator, reviewed a proposal to amend the current parking regulations on the 16th Avenue S. (Touristville boat launch) Public Approach and stated that currently by ordinance no parking is allowed on the public approach. He stated that he, along with Mayor Crabb and Council Member Callanan, met with the owner of the South Shore Inn regarding the possibility of amending the ordinance to allow for parking on the north side of the public approach. Flory noted that although the request is being made by the owner of the South Shore Inn parking within the public approach would not be for the patrons of The Landing Restaurant or South Shore Inn.

Gary Laabs, owner of the South Shore Inn, stated that although he does not feel it is the City's responsibility to provide parking for his business he believes if the City amends its current ordinance to allow for parking on the north side of the public approach that there will still be adequate room for boaters to launch their watercraft from the public approach.

Mayor Crabb stated it was now time for public comment pertaining to the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

Matt Berry, representing Laura Yohn, stated that his client requests that the existing ordinance remain on the books to allow for no parking on the public approach.

Laura Yohn, 1525 S Shore Drive, representing the homeowners association of the condominium located on the north side of the 16th Avenue S public approach, stated that the association would request that the Council not amend the ordinance to allow for any parking on the public approach. She requested that the Council consider tabling any action until a future meeting to allow members of the homeowners association to be in attendance to express their concerns.

Callanan stated that he would like to see a compromise regarding the parking and until that can be achieved he stated he would like to see compliance and enforcement of the regulations that are currently in place. He noted that he has received many safety-related concerns about the matter.

Nelson stated that he feels the public approach should stay as a dedicated boat launch with no parking allowed as it is stated in the current ordinance but would prefer to table the issue to get additional input from the public.

Boehnke stated that he is not in favor of parking on the public approach and that the area should remain exclusively as a boat launch. He also supports enforcement of the current no parking ordinance due to safety concerns.

Unsworth moved to table Ordinance #804 until the August 6th meeting, seconded by Nelson. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Flory gave an update on the North Shore Drive Streetscape (400 block) Improvement Project and stated that the bid letting for the project was held on July 17th at the Iowa Department of Transportation office in Ames. He stated the Council will consider award of contract at its August 6th meeting.

Jason Petersburg, P.E., Veenstra & Kimm, reviewed the bid letting and that the apparent low bidder is Vieth Construction Corp. of Cedar Falls in the amount of \$243,773.25. He noted the engineer's "corrected" estimate of probable cost of construction was \$211,162.60. He indicated that he would have an official recommendation for the Council to consider regarding the award of contract at its meeting on August 6th.

There being no further business before the Council, Nelson moved to adjourn at 12:47 p.m., seconded by Boehnke. Passed Unanimously.

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

/S/ Nelson P. Crabb
Nelson P. Crabb, Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/ Jennifer Larsen
Jennifer Larsen, City Clerk

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