

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Alan Oberloh, Amy Ernst, Mike Harmon; Larry Janssen. Chad Cummings (Excused).

Staff present: Jason Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Economic Development; Steve Robinson, City Administrator, Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, Nate Grimmus, Sergeant, Shawn Elsing, Detective, Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Ryan McGaughey, The Globe, Pat Janicek.

HEARD PRESENTATION BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, explained the Police Department has 6 detective officers, 2 drug/gang officers and a school resource officer that work under a Detective Sergeant and work very successfully together handling cases from homicides, robberies, drug related crimes and threats to the schools.

Sergeant Nate Grimmus and Detective Shaun Elsing gave a presentation on cases that they have worked dating back to 2010.

Detective Elsing stated that since November 1, 2019 they have seized 3 guns, 2 of which were stolen, 12.7 pounds of heroin, 60 pounds of meth, 123 pounds of marijuana, and 14 pounds of wax. The estimated street value is over \$4 million dollars.

Mayor and Council thanked them for the presentation.

OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER AWARD OF CONTRACT APPROVED

Jason Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Economic Development, stated City Council selected Waters Edge Aquatic Design as their first-choice design consultant for the expansion of the City's Aquatic Center funded by the City's new local option sales tax. He explained staff and the City Attorney reviewed the proposed contract and provided a set of comments to the consultant. Each of the comments provided have been satisfactorily resolved.

Mr. Brisson said the original Waters Edge proposal was selected based on an amount of \$369,480 that did not include reimbursable expenses. The proposal submitted by another firm that was considered also did not include reimbursable expenses and, as stated in their proposal, a 5% administrative fee would be added to any such expenses. The fee on the proposed Waters Edge contract is \$370,000.00.

The consultant has also submitted a budget for reimbursable expenses. The proposed budget is

\$17,000.00.

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated it took four weeks to get the contract back from Waters Edge Aquatic Design. Staff and City Attorneys have looked over the contract. Council questioned if this would be how the project would proceed. Mr. Brisson said Waters Edge has assured the planning phase will still be done in March.

Council Member Oberloh stated that he does not agree with the additional \$17,000.00 for the site visits. Council Member Ernst asked if fifteen visits seemed adequate for a project like this. Council Member Oberloh stated that USA Aquatics did a great job on the current aquatic center and would propose staff to contact them and get a proposal. Mr. Robinson stated that it took so long to get the contract from Waters Edge but cautioned if we change the schedule now it could set the project back further. Council Member Oberloh stated he would not support the current contract from Waters Edge at this time. Mayor Kuhle stated it is important to allow for public feedback and we do not want to compromise that. Mr. Robinson reminded Council that public input is important but the space and budget will ultimately allow for so many components.

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve staff to visit with USA Aquatics Center.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY WEST OF HIGHWAY 59 SOUTH OF 27TH STREET

Mr. Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Economic Development, stated Pat Janicek would like to purchase an additional 25 feet of property that houses the Frito Lay Distribution Center. Mr. Brisson also explained staff spoke with the developer and he has now expressed interest in purchasing the west portion of the 2.21-acres. This would leave 1.1 acres of property with Highway 59 frontage available for development. He stated the developer has offered to purchase the property for \$63,287.10 or \$1.31 per square foot; the same price per square foot price paid by the purchaser of the Frito Lay property plus the increased amount for assessments due to the additional frontage and the 2020 assessment amount. The appraised price is \$1.15 per square foot. The \$63,287.10 sale price would recover the City's total investment in the property and be approximately \$7,993.00 greater than the appraised price of the property. Mr. Brisson presented three scenarios that showed how the remaining property could be split.

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering stated the .15 acres can be sold to be used as green space, impervious coverage but cannot be developed. The .58 acres needs to be maintained by the City for access to the stormwater pond and would be unusable other than for setbacks.

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve establishing two equal size lots using the .15 acres. The price for the west lot would be \$1.31 per square foot, \$1.62 for the east half and \$1.15 for the .15 acres.

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A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to sell 25 feet of additional property to Pat Janicek at the rate of \$1.31 per square foot with the buyer responsible for additional costs.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers MCMC
City Clerk