



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 16, 2022

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in special session at City Hall on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Adam Graham, Mayor
Wynter Griffis, Vice-Mayor
Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member
Sean Cummings, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM II: TIF #1 CIVIC PLAZA WORK SESSION TO REVIEW PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF, CONSULTING ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS TO FINALIZE CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CIVIC-PLAZA PROJECT

Design Team Present: Brent Wall & Jessica Lerner, LAUD Studio. Other design team members in attendance included Civil Engineers with Johnson & Associates and planning and design consultants with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Also, in represented on the design team was architect Asa Highsmith.

Brent Wall presented brief opening remarks about the project and the design team. Mr. Wall explained that updated cost estimates have been obtained and, unfortunately, costs of have escalated significantly since the previous cost estimates were done. Mr. Wall advised that some parts of the project plan will need to be delayed pending additional funding.

At the conclusion of his preliminary remarks, Mr. Wall introduced Jessica Lerner who gave a presentation on the preliminary budget and design of the TIF # 1 Project Plan. Ms. Lerner explained that limited funding would require some components of the overall plan to be eliminated during this phase. Ms. Lerner advised that the preliminary plans would not include the dog park, The Village Trail, or revisions to The Village Green. The Council agreed to include The Village Green component as an Add Alternate in the bid. Ms. Lerner indicated that the project would be ready to go to bid by August.

Asa Highsmith reviewed renderings of the architectural design and concept for key components of the project plan. Council reviewed renderings of the design of the Civic Plaza, Linear Park, and Senior Fitness Center.



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Mr. Highsmith suggested “The Heart of The Village” as the theme for the civic plaza and speculated that Love’s Country Stores and Travel Stops or other local businesses might be willing to contribute funds for the proposed pavilion.

The Council discussed various other aspects of the project including street and landscape lighting. Representatives from Kimley-Horn answered questions about the number and type of lighting fixtures proposed along Vineyard Boulevard and multipath in the linear park. The Council discussed their concern for providing safe, well-lighted pedestrian pathways and their desire to avoid light pollution of the adjacent residential areas.

Discussion on this agenda item concluded at 10:50 a.m.

The Council recessed for lunch.

ITEM III: FY 2022-23 COMBINED MUNICIPAL BUDGET WORK SESSION TO RECEIVE CAPITAL REQUESTS AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORUNITY FOR STAFF TO EXPLAIN AND JUUSTIFY SAID REQUESTS.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Staff Present: Bruce K. Stone, City Manager, Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer, Jamie Gilpin, Benefits Administrator, Paul Kinman, Chief of Police, Russ Landon, Deputy Chief of Police, T.J. Hamill, Fire Chief, Chris Brigan, Deputy Fire Chief, Brent Hodges, Emergency Manager, Larry Walton, Public Works Director, Kevin Reber, Deputy Public Works Director, Ken Nelson, Building Inspector.

Department Heads and other members of staff presented their capital requests for the FY 2022-23 budget year and answered questions from the Council.

No formal action was taken.

ITEM IV: DISCUSSION TO PRIORITIZE CAPITAL REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING IN THE FY 2022-23 BUDGET.

After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to table discussion on prioritization of capital requests until May 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.



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ITEM V: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Mayor Graham

Vice-Mayor Wynter Griffis

Council Member Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Cummings