

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 23, 2019

6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck and Community Development Director Meadows.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, were:

1. City Manager Heck provided a recap on the City Commission's adopted 2018-2019 Goals and Objectives. Mr. Heck reviewed each of the six primary goals and spoke on the efforts and accomplishments made in the past year. In both the Job Growth Intentional Collaboration sections, Mr. Heck thanked community partners for their assistance in attracting new jobs to the community.

Under the Community Development section, Mr. Heck reviewed the new housing efforts and neighborhood demolitions to promote new interest in older areas. Dr. Estrop mentioned a positive article in the April 23, 2019, edition of the *Springfield New-Sun* related to demolitions.

In reviewing the Infrastructure section of the goals, Mr. Heck spoke on the Safe Streets Task Force, street improvements, and public utility improvements necessary prior to the street projects.

The downtown parking garage project, plaza rentals, and the downtown townhome project were reviewed with the Downtown Revitalization section of the goals.

Mr. Heck spoke on the South Limestone Corridor Study and expects to have a plan from the design team very soon. Dr. Estrop and Mrs. Chilton both spoke on clean-up efforts and working with the Clark County Solid Waste District's participation in the 2019 Great American Cleanup.

Mr. Heck finished the presentation with discussion on continued efforts with a combined 911 Dispatch as well as employment/staffing efforts. Dr. Estrop thanked staff for their efforts and noted the accomplishment in one year's time.

2. Community Development Director Meadows presented an overview of Service Animal Owners' Rights and Responsibilities. The report explained the difference between Service Animals, Emotional Support and Therapy Animals, and Companion Animals. Service Animals are defined as dogs that are trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Emotional Support and Therapy Animals provide emotional support and comfort to the owner. Companion Animals are considered pets.

Mrs. Meadows explained that owners of Service Animals are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are permitted in any facility where the public is permitted to go with few exceptions.

Public facilities may ask two questions to determine whether an animal qualifies as a service animal:

1. Is the animal required because of disability? The facility may not inquire about the nature or extent of the disability.
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform? This question may not be asked if the task is readily apparent.

Mrs. Meadows reviewed the various areas of protection for Service Animals such as airlines, schools, and fair housing. A summary related to rights of service animals, therapy animals and companion animals was reviewed. A copy of the entire presentation may be obtained by contacting the Community Development Department at 937-324-7380 or on the city's website.

Mr. Copeland reminded citizens that the city has no legislation related to service animals. All regulations are enforced by federal and state legislation.

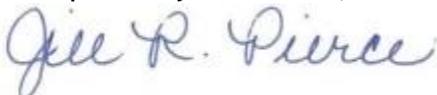
2. On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Adj. 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the City Commission