

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023
6:30 PM, Temple Senior Center
MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.
Council Members Present: Alexis Boles, Casey Russom, Tom Wallace, Howard Walden.
Council Members Absent: Richard Bracknell

Approve the published agenda of this meeting as presented:

Mayor Johnson explained there was a need to add item #6 regarding a CD that matures on July 23rd and to move those funds into the general fund. Item #7 will be the monthly civility statement. There was a motion to approve the amended agenda by adding items 6&7 by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0.

Announcements, including the schedule for tonight's series of meetings

There were no additional announcements.

Call to order the advertised public hearing concerning a possible increase in the minimum square footage requirements for single-family houses from the current 1,250 square feet to a new minimum requirement of 1,400 square feet.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone was present to make comments in regards to this possible action. There was no one present to speak for or against this action. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion to pause the monthly voting and return to the Committees Meeting by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

There was a motion to resume the Committees Meeting by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Boles. Vote 4-0.

There was a motion to resume the City Council Meeting by Council Member Walden second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

June 5, 2023 Council Meeting: There was a motion by Council Member Walden to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Public Comments:

Guilmo Barrio (lives in Azalea Hills) said he hasn't heard anything related to the construction that is taking place on Venable Rd. He hasn't heard what company is building the houses, buildings or apartments. He came to the meeting to find out what is being built because no one has come to the neighborhood to let them know what is being built right next to their home. He explained that the Azalea Hills neighborhood is very concerned about what is being built on Venable Rd. There was a terrible experience before when in his neighborhood when they started building houses with one car

garages. He said it was a very negative situation that impacted the value of their property. He said that members of the community came together with their concerns about this situation. They would like to know how many houses will be there. He said their neighborhood does not have an HOA and no one on the Council has told them what is going on. He wants to let the Council know they are very concerned about this situation.

Council Member Casey Russom- explained that he had visited as many residents as he could in that neighborhood to let them know what was going on. He said it was a pretty hotly contested project and the builder did make a lot of concessions, for example he did fewer homes than originally planned. He said he was sorry that he didn't hear from anyone on the Council. He explained it is going to be approximately 140 townhomes built in that area.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Barrio to leave his contact information with them so we could be in communication with him.

New Business

1. Adopt an Ordinance to increase the minimum square footage requirements for single-family houses from 1,250 square feet up to 1,400 square feet

There was a motion by Council Member Russom to adopt an ordinance to increase the minimum square footage requirements for single-family houses from 1,250 square feet up to 1,400 square feet, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 4-0.

2. Authorize a request for proposals be issued for the painting of the disk filter tanks at the City of Temple's Sewer Treatment Plant

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to authorize a request for proposals for the painting of the disk filter tanks in the Sewer Treatment Plant, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

3. Consider taking action on the Temple Planning Commission's recommendation that whenever a property owner requests the City's Planning Commission to consider approval of a "parcel split" of a corner lot, the posted notification must face both public streets

There was a motion by Council Member Walden to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation that whenever a property owner requests the consideration of approving a "parcel split" of a corner lot, and the posted notification must face both public streets, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

4. Consider taking action to adopt the following Housing Code provisions: Keep the current Housing Code for manufactured homes and allow said structures to be located only in mobile home parks or where there is a grandfathered mobile home which meets occupancy requirements, with the stipulation that the replacement unit be seven years or less in age and meet the City of Temple's single-family home standards. Not allow a manufactured home to be placed on a vacant lot, but do allow a replacement manufactured home to be placed in R-1 or R-2 zoned developments on a case-by-case hardship basis. Allow modular homes to be placed in R-1 and R-2 zoned areas, with the requirement that each housing unit meet or exceed all minimum requirements for single-family standards. Do not allow "tiny homes", "container homes" or "barndominiums" to be located in the City of Temple

City Attorney Rob Monroe explained you want to make sure there are definitions of what constitutes these types of housing; they need to be defined. Assistant City Administrator Lisa Jacobson explained that Attorney Carey Pilgrim is working on an ordinance regarding this. No action will be taken on this tonight.

5. Consider approval of additional changes in the City of Temple's new Ward Boundaries, if needed to meet State of Georgia standards

Mayor Johnson explained that there is no need for any boundary changes.

6. Maturing CD- Mayor Johnson explained there is a maturing CD in the amount of \$45,039.27. The recommendation from Financial Consultant Rick Hartley is to close that CD and transfer those funds into the general fund. The CD matures July 23, 2023. There was a motion by Council Member Walden to close out the CD in the amount of \$45,039.27 when it matures on July 23rd and transfer it into the general fund, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

7. Civility Statement for this month's meeting.

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that everyone should have received the civility statement on Saturday. It was determined that this information was not included in the meeting information and it was decided that this would be brought up at next month's meeting.

Closing Comments – N/A

Executive Session, if needed

Mayor Johnson explained there was a need for an Executive Session regarding legal and personnel. No action will be taken once they return other than to adjourn the meeting.

There was a motion to come out of executive session by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 4-0.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Russom. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23PM


Mayor Michael C. Johnson


City Clerk