

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**April 2, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Carlson, Hanson, Goldston, and Ostertag

Staff Present: Administrator Berg and Assistant Administrator/City Planner Taylor

DISCUSSION

Administrator Berg reviewed three discussion topics continued from a City Council workshop held on February 6, 2012. The topics included an off-leash dog park, downtown improvements, and city street lighting.

The consensus of the City Council was to proceed with a draft use agreement and concept design for an off-leash dog park in Barker's Alps Park. Representatives from the Stillwater Area Dog Park (FSADP) were in attendance to explain the overall off-leash dog park concept and answer questions. The City Council expressed interest in concentrating parking for the dog park within the main parking lot, but to allow two handicap parking stalls to be located off 2nd Avenue North, to facilitate accessibility. They also expressed interest in using recycled plastic bags for waste disposal, installing a bulletin board to promote the community, and participating in events to raise funds and increase awareness of the dog park. The responsibilities of FSADP and the city were discussed, noting that funding for the construction, supplies, and cleanup would be the responsibility of FSADP. The City Council directed staff to work with FSADP to draft a use agreement and develop a concept design for the overall dog park to be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Administrator Berg reviewed the results of the survey sent to commercial property owners along Highway 95 to gauge interest improvements to the downtown area. Of the 25 surveys mailed, 7 were returned, within high interest in installing benches, waste receptacles, and landscaping, but little interest in enhanced street lighting or sidewalk pavement. The City Council directed staff to gauge interest from the remainder of the business community and use this information to identify potential locations for improvements to be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Based on the information provided in the staff memo, the consensus of the City Council was not to proceed with the reduction or removal of city street lights. Discussion followed on the value of street lights, both financially and for public safety and welfare. The City Council did express interest in pursuing the replacement of city street lights with energy efficient fixtures, when necessary or appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor St. Ores adjourned the workshop at 5:35 p.m.