

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, JULY 7 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The following minutes reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes, you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Carlos Osorio of the Salvation Army gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and the following members and staff were present:

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland
Deputy Mayor Alice Frierson
Councilmember Joseph E. Fink

Councilmember Susan Coker
Councilmember S. Delshay Turner

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Terry Stewart
City Attorney TJ Wohl

City Clerk Penny Delaney
Lieutenant Gary Evans

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item 1 – Worldwide Door Components, Inc.

Jerry and Beth Monts De Oca, owners of Worldwide Door Components, Inc., made a presentation before City Council. Mrs. Monts De Oca advised that they had purchased the old transformer building at 101 W. Palmetto last November to be their new headquarters. She explained that they actually have two (2) businesses that are housed out of the building: Worldwide Door Components and Worldwide LED Lighting Company. Mr. Monts De Oca, the founder of the company, reviewed the products that they offer while Mrs. Monts De Oca advised that they would be bringing people into Arcadia, both customers and creating jobs for the factory.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item 2 – City Council Minutes for February 6, 2014

Agenda Item 3 – City Council Minutes for June 16, 2015

Councilmember Fink made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 4 – Request of Salvation Army Regarding Use of Old Police Department

Carlos Osorio advised that the Salvation Army didn't have a permanent location and had been operating out of the Housing Authority. He addressed the assistance that Salvation Army provides to the local citizens and pointed out same could increase with a local facility. Mr. Mike Provau stated that the Salvation Army has stability, a great reputation, and has been a part of the culture in Arcadia for a long time. He stated they would like to be the City's social services department.

The City Administrator advised Council that as they had requested him to take a look at the request, he had to approach it from a business perspective. He stated there was something missing in his ability to provide the necessary guidance to Council and that was a full and complete understanding of the City's assets and resources when it comes to the issue of property. He advised staff was working on that inventory and he had been advised by the Finance Director that it was near completion. Mr. Stewart informed Council that the properties had been identified and staff now had to ensure they had a clear understanding of what those properties were being used for. He advised all information on such would be brought to City Council so that they may have a full scope of what the City has, what is available, what they might need for future use, etc. Mr. Stewart said until such time as all the information is collected, he could not recommend that they do it or not do it based on a business decision.

Councilmember Fink asked how soon the City Administrator thought he might have a recommendation for Council on the matter and Mr. Stewart responded by saying that he should receive the complete report within a two (2) week period. Mr. Stewart stated that he would like to have a few days to digest the information and make an analysis and he felt it would be in August at the earliest. Councilmember Fink made a motion to table the item until date certain, the first meeting of August, and that the City Manager come back with a report at that time on this and the compiled list for what they had asked for previously. Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart asked for confirmation that he was to come back with the report itself and based upon that report, the recommendation of whether it makes sense to move forward with the request from the Salvation Army and Councilmember confirmed same. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that she would like to see this go through and felt that the Salvation Army's presence in the community is needed. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Provau for contact information so that he could touch base with him regarding exactly how the property is to be used and what the expectation is as far as the compensation, if any, to help him formulate his recommendation. Mr. Provau acknowledged Mr. Stewart's request and welcomed him to Arcadia. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Property Maintenance Standards Review Committee Selection

The City Administrator explained that the committee was formulated to take a look at the current standards of codes that the City has and to make recommendations for changes to those codes. He advised that one of the positions on the committee was vacant and that said vacancy had been advertised. He explained that since the Council's packets had been prepared, another application had come in. He stated that it was not included in the packet, but he left it up to Council as to whether they wished to consider the second application. There was a consensus to include the second application in Council's consideration. Councilmember Fink stated that he thought the committee had made their recommendation to Council and asked if they were going to meet anymore. Mr. Stewart pointed out that Arcadia didn't have the International Property Maintenance Code and this is a code that he had utilized in every other community that he has worked in. He requested that Council enable staff to take a look at the model code and if it is desired of the Council to give them the latitude to look at it, perhaps the committee could serve in that function as well. There was discussion of where the applicants lived and how such should be taken into consideration for the position on the committee. Councilmember Fink stated that for expediency's sake, he would nominate Mr. Enderby for the position and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Lieutenant Gary Evans advised that Marshal Anderson was on vacation and pointed out that the Police Department Report had been provided to City Council. He asked if there were any questions and there were none.

The City Attorney updated City Council regarding the negotiations with Eagle Vista as the fixed base operator. He advised that the City Administrator, the Finance Director and himself had met with the Berrys and their attorney to review the lease. He further advised that he and the Berry's attorney are to meet tomorrow to try to finalize everything. Mr. Wohl stated that that goal is to get it on the agenda for Council's approval for the July 21, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Wertz-Strickland introduced Terry Stewart as the new City Administrator. Mr. Stewart expressed his gratitude for enabling him to work with the community. He advised the staff had gone out of their way to be helpful. He then stated that there was a lot to accomplish and the first thing he wanted to discuss was the concerns regarding infrastructure and he referenced the wash-out on Hickory and Orange Avenue. Mr. Stewart advised that the estimation was that it would be completed and the road would be open by Friday. He stated it would not be cheap to fix it and he and staff had been working very hard on it. At this point, he commented that there are road and infrastructure issues that are fairly significant, but there is not a road map for either the roads or the underground utilities. Mr. Stewart advised that he had learned there was some background work that had been done in that regard in the past and a records research was being done to find it. He stated it will take time to accomplish and they will move forward with improving the roads and doing what they can with the limited resources that they have.

Mr. Stewart then addressed the subject of staff meetings. He stated that they had held the first one and it went well, while addressing the action register list which is a written list that identifies the major actions before the City and keeps the progress of such. Mr. Stewart advised that Council would receive the first weekly report on Monday and he expressed his desire to have it posted on the City's website if Council was comfortable with such.

Mr. Stewart addressed the negotiations with Eagle Vista and stated that it went well. He advised Council that the lease would be presented to them for their comments.

PUBLIC

Charles Conklin, a City resident, expressed his pleasure with the speed bumps in the Bridle Path area, but advised that the speed limit sign had been taken down and never replaced. The City Administrator advised that he would look into it.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Coker thanked everyone for participating in the parade. She also welcomed Mr. Stewart and stated that she looked forward to working with him.

ADJOURN

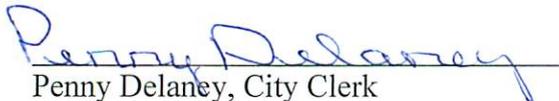
Councilmember Fink made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved. Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 P.M.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2015.

By:


Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor




Penny Delaney, City Clerk