

The El Dorado City Commission met in special session on January 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Bill Young (via zoom), Commissioner Matt Guthrie, Commissioner Gregg Lewis, Commissioner Nick Badwey, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, City Manager David Dillner, City Engineer Scott Rickard and City Clerk Tabitha Sharp.

VISITORS

Tammy Schaffer

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El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the January 27, 2021 Special City Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN

City Manager David Dillner reviewed the strategic plan.

The City Commission agreed the vision statement should be revised.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie confirmed what was meant by citizen centric thinking. He also confirmed that lake development would be under section five and that staff would not be focusing on the first two items under economic development.

City Manager Dillner stated that citizens centric thinking referred to the idea that we will make sure that citizens are able to provide input before we make big decisions. He stated that lake development would be under that section in quality of life. He stated that the strategic plan is the plan that will be followed by the staff and Commission in their activities through the year. Those activities include agreements with El Dorado Inc. and others for items such as those under economic development.

EFABC

Commissioner Nick Badwey stated that he felt it was time for the City to separate itself from the EFABC. He stated that the City had done its part and accomplished the goal of building the facility with the other entities. He stated that items were promised prior to the building of the facility such as concerts and movies that would help bring in sales tax and provide the city with funds to contribute to the facility. Due to warranties and other items, we have been told that those events are not possible. He stated that our personnel are off task doing maintenance and other items at the facility and he felt it was time to be done with it.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson asked if we were responsible for one third of all costs.

City Manager David Dillner stated that the City does contribute a portion, based on usage, of the annual long term maintenance fee. He stated that the \$52,000 fee is supposed to go towards a long-term maintenance fund, but has been used for annual operations and repairs that were not expected. He stated that if larger items come up and there are not funds available, the three entities are approached for a portion of the cost.

Commissioner Matt Guthrie stated that his issue is that the facility is not available to the public while the City pays a portion of the cost.

Commissioner Gregg Lewis stated that he agreed, he stated that Butler County Arc has requested to use the facility for Special Olympics training and has been denied.

Mayor Bill Young stated that his understanding about special events at the stadium was that the City would be responsible and we had not had a consistent person trying to recruit events for the facility. He stated that he felt if there could be a concentrated effort to have events and one dollar from each ticket sold went to the EFABC, the facility would have a revenue source.

Commissioner Badwey stated that he did not feel like the City had been encouraged to have events there because of the prohibitive cost of renting the facility and the rules on what could and could not be done on the field.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked where the money for the suites goes.

City Manager Dillner stated that the owners paid a one-time fee that went to the construction of the suites.

After further discussion, the Commission agreed to make the EFABC aware of their intention at the next meeting and give them a month to respond to the conversation before moving further with a motion to leave the group.

REGULAR AGENDA REVIEW

The City Commission reviewed items on the upcoming agenda.

REPORTS

City Manager David Dillner stated that the group who owns the Holiday Inn has not collected any of the funds they are getting through the CID. He stated that the auditors are recommending the money be moved from the liability account, but bond counsel has stated that because the project was initiated under the previous owners, we would first need to notify the new owners that we will be ending the CID if they do not proceed as planned in the development agreement.

The City Commission agreed to send the owner a letter giving them 30 days to respond before we initiate proceedings to cancel the CID.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Nick Badwey moved to recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for the purposes of discussing non-elected personnel and succession plans and to reconvene the meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

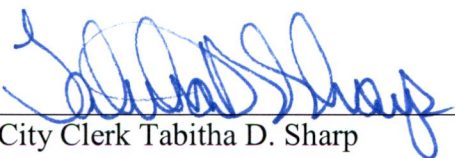
Mayor Bill Young called the meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m.

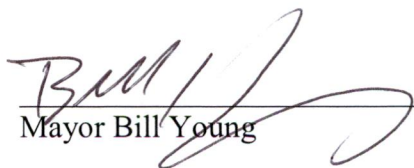
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gregg Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Commissioner Nick Badwey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Tabitha D. Sharp


Mayor Bill Young