

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 – PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO A 94+/- ACRE TRACT LOCATED SOUTH AND EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF RAAB ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD IN NORTHEAST NORMAL (PINEHURST DEVELOPMENT/THE VINEYARDS)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines.

ABSENT: None.

3. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION:

Mayor Koos stated the Public Notice was published in The Normalite on April 19, 2012.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Koos announced the Council would receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Amended Annexation Agreement.

Mayor Koos called for comments from the public; there were none.

Mayor Koos issued the second call for comments from the public; there were none.

Mayor Koos issued the third and final call for comments from the public; there were none.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the public hearing be adjourned.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the public hearing at 7:07 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 100 E. PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, May 7, 2012 – COMCAST CABLE RATES.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the public hearing on the Comcast Cable Rates to order at 7:07 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeffrey Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines.

ABSENT: None.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Koos announced he would receive comments from the public on the request of Comcast to adjust rates for basic cable services and related services and equipment.

Mayor Koos called for comments from the public; Mr. Art Svymbersky, 1822 Crescent Drive, Champaign, Illinois, Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Comcast, addressed the Council and explained the FCC requirements concerning cable rates. Councilmembers Reece and Chambers posed questions for clarification purposes, which questions were responded to by Mr. Svymbersky.

Mayor Koos issued the second call for comments from the public; there were none.

Mayor Koos issued the third and final call for comments from the public; there were none.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the public hearing be adjourned.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the public hearing on the request of Comcast for rate adjustment at 7:10 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:11 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Chris Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Items J and L were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2012: Omnibus Vote.  
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2012: Omnibus Vote.
- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MAY 2, 2012: Omnibus Vote.
- C. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456,884.45 FOR THE COLLEGE AVENUE AND MULBERRY STREET LIGHTING PROJECT AND TO APPROVE AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,119: Omnibus Vote.

- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,485 FOR THE DESIGN OF A PASSENGER INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM (PIDS) FOR AMTRAK AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULING AND INFORMATION MONITORS IN THE UPTOWN STATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATED APPROPRIATE FORM PROJECT CONTINGENCY: Resolution No. 4748: Omnibus Vote.
- E. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SELECTION AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ESS CLEAN INCORPORATED FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE UPTOWN STATION: Resolution No. 4749: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RATIO ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR DESIGN SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED SUBWAY RESTAURANT IN THE UPTOWN STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,600 AND APPROVING AN ASSOCIATED APPROPRIATION FROM PROJECT CONTINGENCY: Resolution No. 4750: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND PARKING, INC., FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT SERVICES INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN THE UPTOWN STATION: Resolution No. 4751: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HORTON GROUP FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES: Resolution No. 4752: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROWE CONSTRUCTION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2012-13 OPERATING BUDGET: Resolution No. 4753: Omnibus Vote.
- K. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND THEATER COMPANY PERTAINING TO SPACE AT THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IN ONE NORMAL PLAZA: Resolution No. 4754: Omnibus Vote.
- M. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAS AT MERCY CREEK SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL: Resolution No. 4755: Omnibus Vote.
- N. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT – VINEYARDS SUBDIVISION: Resolution No. 4756: Omnibus Vote.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- J. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION ON ORLANDO AVENUE: Resolution No. 4757:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Extension of a Lease Agreement for Police Department Substation on Orlando Avenue.

Councilmember Reece highlighted this item, commenting on the relationship this substation offers between the neighborhood and the Police Department. Police Chief Rick Bleichner commented on the use of the facility by both the Normal Police Department and the State Police working in the area.

AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Reece, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

- L. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE TOWN'S 2012-13 AMENDED ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND APPLICABLE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: Resolution No. 4758:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the Town's 2012-13 Amended Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Applicable Budget Adjustments.

Councilmember Scott commented on the sizeable amount of the Grant being used for street improvements and resurfacing and posed questions concerning the proposed down-payment assistance program. City Manager Mark Peterson replied the down-payment assistance program is basically a program designed to assist first-time home buyers. Town Accountant Ben Jurgens further commented the program is for lower income, first-time home buyers. Councilmember Scott questioned how individuals learned of the down-payment assistance program, to which City Manager Mark Peterson responded the information would be available on our web-site and that lending institutions and realtors were aware of the program to advise potential home buyers of the availability of the funds.

AYES: Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. ORDINANCE AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE DESCRIBING AND DESIGNATING AN AREA LOCATED PARTIALLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, TOWN OF NORMAL, AND UNINCORPORATED MCLEAN COUNTY AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE" TO INCLUDE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE NEW UNITS OF GOVERNMENT OF FORD COUNTY AND GIBSON CITY: Ordinance No. 5438:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve an Ordinance Amending “An Ordinance Describing and Designating an Area Located Partially Within the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone” to Include New Territories and the New Units of Government of Ford County and Gibson City.

City Manager Mark Peterson presented a brief background of the proposed Ordinance which would extend the Enterprise Zone into Ford County. Councilmember Chambers posed questions concerning future expansion of the Enterprise Zone, specifically if Ford County and Gibson City would have to agree to future expansions. Economic Development Council Chief Economic Officer Marty Vanags advised the Council Ford County and Gibson City would not be able to block any future expansions.

Councilmember Scott posed questions concerning the current expiration date of 2015 for Enterprise Zones, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the actual benefits of being in an Enterprise Zone. Mr. Marty Vanags detailed the various benefits of being in an Enterprise Zone.

Councilmember Nielsen commented on the benefits One Earth Energy in Gibson City provides to the agricultural products suppliers in McLean County, particularly eastern McLean County. Further Council discussion ensued.

AYES: Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE REGULATING COMCAST BASIC CABLE RATES AND CABLE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION RATES: Ordinance No. 5439:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve an Ordinance Regulating COMCAST Basic Cable Rates and Cable Equipment and Installation Rates.

AYES: Chambers, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK FOR UPTOWN STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000: Resolution No. 4759:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Artwork for Uptown Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.

Mayor Koos introduced Mr. Doug Johnson, 214 Doud Drive, Normal, IL, Executive Director of the McLean County Arts Center, Chairman of the Uptown Station Art Selection Committee. Mr. Johnson presented a brief overview of the selection process that had been used to select art for the public areas in Uptown Station.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned if there was a percentage of the total cost of the building set aside for the artwork. City Manager Mark Peterson responded the money to be used was in the furnishings budget. Mr. Peterson further indicated there was not sufficient monies available to provide artwork for the entire building, so the Committee focused on obtaining artwork for the key public areas.

Councilmember Nielsen asked how the Committee “reached out” to artists to submit artwork to be considered. Mr. Johnson indicated the Committee had released a “call to artists” for submissions and had received approximately 127 submittals. Councilmember Nielson expressed concern with the amount of money to be used for the artwork, indicating the monies expended should involve as many artists as possible.

Mayor Koos commented that in addition to the artwork being purchased at this time, some revolving art may be going into the building also. Ms. Natalie Wetzel, 124 E. Beaufort Street, Normal, IL, Co-Owner of The Pod Art Gallery in Uptown Normal and Committee Member of the Uptown Station Art Selection Committee, announced The Pod was in the process of completing a proposal to coordinate an on-going, revolving art exhibit in Uptown Station, which would involve a diverse group of artists participating in the revolving exhibit.

Further Council discussion ensued.

AYES: Gaines, Reece, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Koos.

NAYS: Nielsen.

Motion declared carried.

9. CONCERNS:

1. PHOTOGRAPH:

Councilmember Fritzen shared a photograph he had received from a citizen of “Uptown Normal” from the 1950’s.

2. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:

Councilmember Fritzen suggested the hours available for electronics recycling be expanded, as the hours are not convenient for a number of residents of Normal.

3. BROADWAY AVENUE BRIDGE:

Councilmember Reece requested an update on the Broadway Avenue Bridge project. Town Engineer Gene Brown replied the bridge is scheduled to be complete in June.

10. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2012, Executive Session, and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Adjourn to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2012, Executive Session, and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos excused the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2012, Executive Session, and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining, at 8:15 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012.