

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 09, 2016

The City Council Special Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. in the Jim Riggs Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:	Councilor Gerson	P	Councilor Mahler	P
	Councilor Goble	P	Councilor Trask	P
	Councilor Goodwin	P	Councilor Underwood	P
	Mayor Gourley	P		

Staff: Finance Director Pat Gray, City Attorney Robert Snyder, Sargent Jason Ogden, Library Services Director Rose Peda, Public Works Director Mike Adams,

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era

Registered Visitors: John Morgan, Dick Knowles, Lisa Gourley, Jo Ann McQueary, Pam Barbee, Ken Bronson

Mayor Gourley introduced John Morgan who would be facilitating the Special Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Council Goals.

John Morgan introduced himself for the new members of Council and handed copies of the 11 goals previously identified but not yet adopted. John Morgan stated he would like to work towards adopting or modifying those goals to meet the current needs of the community.

Mr. Morgan explained goals set the priority for the work Council and staff does, and focuses Council and gives direction to staff. Goals also are used to create the budget, creating the foundation for monies spent and work programs expected by staff. Goals help keep a handle on resources and to be good stewards of public funds.

John Morgan stated he would like to review the draft goals, affirm or modify the goals for direction on moving forward. Having goals in place will help with the selection of a City Manager.

Councilor Goodwin handed out a proposal for additional goals. He stated his frustration with the goals is that they are not deliverable and not measurable. He used an example of seek funding – asking how much, when, and by how? Councilor Goodwin wanted to see more concrete goals suggesting Strawberry Park development, Sankey Park Concept and providing crosswalk safety within 12 months. Councilor Goodwin wanted to look at Urban Renewal and multifamily housing as goals.

Mayor Gourley said there is no way we are going to change direction from what has already been identified in the amount of time scheduled for this meeting. Mayor Gourley stated we have to look at levies already in place before we consider Urban Renewal as it will have a major impact on both local option levies.

John Morgan stated since the goal setting session much has changed in Sweet Home and the Council never moved forward on those goals. He suggested adopting some goals prior to hiring

a new City Manager and to give Department Heads an action plan.

Councilor Goodwin stated that only 3 members of the current Council adopted those goals and they do not reflect his priorities.

Councilor Trask stated that the goal setting process was a day and a half and during that public meeting only four people attended. Councilor Trask wanted public input but stated they have to attend.

Pam Barbee, 1440 Live Oak Street stated the City failed to market.

Councilor Goodwin stated part of the community input was electing Council. He recited a proverb *Vision without action is a day dream; action without vision is a nightmare*. Councilor Goodwin asked what action are they taking, when and how?

Mayor Gourley stated the Council is responsible for adopting the large goals. If they are going to start over they will need more time.

John Morgan stated the process was never complete. How it should have worked was the goals would be adopted and specific goals would come from staff.

Councilor Mahler stated the Council has not had time to focus on the goals with the City Manager leaving and the marijuana issues. He stated his goal is Economic Development.

Councilor Trask added his priority was also Economic Development. He said the Council at the time did the best they could under the circumstances, they put together a plan they thought they could live with.

Councilor Underwood stated half of the goals for 2013 were not met. He added the 2016 goals are a living document.

Councilor Goble wanted to see more specific goals.

Mayor Gourley stated the Council is to identify the general goals and then staff refines and sets the smaller goals.

Councilor Goodwin stated goals this vague leave no accountability.

John Morgan suggested the Council come to agreement on where to go from here. He reminded the Council how the process should have gone with staff identifying specific goals from the broad goals Council adopts. Then quarterly Council Goals should be reviewed.

Councilor Gerson stated many of the items identified have already been accomplished. She stated \$50,000 was put towards Economic Development during budget and local policy codes are being reviewed. Councilor Gerson wanted to see goals in place before interviewing City Manager candidates. Councilor Underwood expanded on Councilor Gerson's comments adding that 5 of the draft goals are in the works. Councilor Mahler agreed.

John Morgan stated to move forward the Council will need to affirm, object or modify the goals.

He encouraged the Council to think about the outcome and not the specifics.

Public Works Director Mike Adams said the goals are still relevant and suggested a 24 month focus over this and the next fiscal budget year.

The general consensus was to adopt the draft goals as follows:

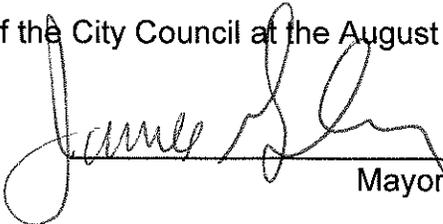
1. Healthy Economy
 - a. Create an economic development function in City Hall to lead and implement economic development.
 - b. Create a comprehensive City economic development plan combining what already exists.
 - c. Continue partnership with other agencies and groups to further the redevelopment of the County mill properties.
2. Effective Government
 - a. Create a technology assessment and plan to leverage existing resources and meet public expectations and better communicate with the public
 - b. Create a community and/or a city government Strategic Plan
 - c. Develop stable, long term funding for Police and Library operations
3. Livability
 - a. Establish a Healthcare committee and follow through to systems improvements.
 - b. Create local policy and codes that support the provision of housing to meet the needs of all citizens.
 - c. Expand City Code Enforcement Program and Services
 - d. Improve opportunities and service levels of City Parks, recreation and open spaces.
4. Infrastructure
 - a. Develop a City Facilities Building Master Plan

John Morgan suggested adding pedestrian safety as suggested by Councilor Goodwin and there was no opposition.

Mayor Gourley stated after the adopting of the goals during the next meeting, he would like staff to come forward with a framework of action plans to work on in the next year with input from the boards and commissions, and the public.

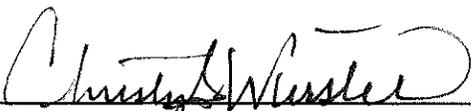
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the August 9, 2016 Special City Council Meeting.



Mayor

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City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder