

Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

ACTION AGENDA

- 1. **Consider the award of a bid for Phase II of the Grainger Stadium Improvements**
Galen Treble

Tony Sears, City Manager, stated this item will be place on the next agenda. We thought we would have some information that we have not received.

Mr. Sears added the City has an agreement with the Wood Ducks that we would spend \$1.625 million on Grainger Stadium, and there was a kicker that within three years we would add an additional \$250,000. If the Wood Ducks extend the lease another two years there would be another \$200,000. Our costs are higher than we anticipated, so the Wood Ducks are willing to have the conversation about extending the lease full term and pulling the money forward to complete this project. It does not change the financial scope of the project, but it would change when we would allocate the funds for those projects. We would look at borrowing funds which would not affect our payment. We need to have the project completed by the start of the season.

Mayor Murphy confirmed that the contract would be extended from twelve years to fourteen years, and confirmed this will be discussed at a later meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. **Consider three appointments to the Planning Board.....Adam Short**

Adam Short, Planning Director, stated we have three vacancies on the Planning Board and we have five applicants for consideration.

Mayor Murphy stated based on the applicants, some had alternate Boards on which they would like to serve. We have three vacancies on the Planning Board, one vacancy on the Historic District Commission, and one vacancy on the Utilities Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Tyson asked for a description of the role of the Planning Board. Mr. Short stated the Planning Board provides recommendations on certain items and review primarily for consistency with the zoning ordinances. The Planning Board also functions as the Board of Adjustments (BOA) which we updated in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The BOA primarily reviews variances from the ordinances. If you wanted to build a house on a lot and you couldn't meet the setbacks, you would apply for a variance to the BOA. The Planning Board provides recommendations for rezonings and conditional use permits for our consistency with our zoning ordinances.

Councilmember Solomon stated this is her first time going through the process of selecting from submitted applications. She thought that the recommendations came from the Boards or Commissions to the City Council. She wanted to know, for the sake of clarity, if the process is only for the Planning Board or a new process.