



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Joanne Osborne
Councilmember Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Bill Stipp
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

Meeting Location:
Goodyear Justice Center
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, March 2, 2015

5:00 PM

Goodyear Justice Center

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Pizzillo, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Councilmember Stipp arrived at 5:07 p.m.

3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 [15-5433ws](#) Council will receive an overview of the proposed 2012 Construction and Fire Codes.

Ed Kulik, Chief Building Official and David Smith, Fire Marshal/Plans Examiner presented. The purpose of the Construction and Fire Codes is to promote and support the life safety of our community. Updated codes provide increased customer service through correlation and consistency with other international codes previously approved by the City Council.

Modern building codes allow citizens, design professionals and builders to take advantage of current construction technologies, materials and methods, and updated building safety requirements. Consistency and uniformity of codes is important among the Valley and State jurisdictions because it makes it easier for designers and contractors who build in these cities, and allows for more consistent enforcement by Building Safety personnel.

Several cities in the valley have adopted the 2012 Construction and Fire codes. Kulik said codes are issued every three years. In 2009, when the recession hit, we didn't want to adopt the 2009 codes due to the economy. There is a huge cost for the builders, the City, and local designers.

*The City's Construction Codes were last updated May 14, 2007. That update was based upon

the 2006 International Building Code and its related documents.

*The previous update of the fire code was also approved on May 14, 2007 by the City Council amending the International Fire Code 2006 edition with local amendments.

*The proposed 2012 Construction and Fire Codes completed the legal review process.

*The Building Official presented drafts of the proposed codes to the Development Community at quarterly development forum meetings to gain feedback through the process.

*Since 2012, customers have been provided the option to use the 2012 codes.

Proposed Updates to Goodyear Codes

The new codes being proposed for adoption, which all have updated revisions, include:

*2012 International Building Code

*2012 International Residential Code

*2012 Fuel Gas Code

*2012 International Mechanical Code

*2012 Plumbing Code

*2012 99 Standards for Health Care Facilities

*2012 International Property Maintenance Code

*2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

*2012 International Energy Conservation Code

*2012 International Code Council Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

*2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

The goal in updating the City's ordinance is to keep amendments to an absolute minimum. The proposed adoption of the 2012 International Building Code and International Fire Code 2012 edition with local amendments includes improved standard code language encompassing technological and engineering advances as approved by the International Code Council (ICC) through the code development process.

Key Updates to Construction Codes

*The method for collecting fees for plan reviews and permit fees for building and fire was simplified.

*The International building, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, property maintenance, energy codes were updated to the 2012 edition, the National Electric Code (NEC) to the 2011, the Standards for Accessible Designs to the 2010, and NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities to the 2012.

*The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2012 edition, was included in the ordinance.

*Alternative approaches for complying with the energy requirements for residential construction were provided.

*The existing classification and the requirements of residential care and assisted living homes were standardized more with the proposed updated standards and the Arizona State laws.

*Travel distance in factory and storage warehouses were increased to 400 feet as noted in the 2015 International Building Code.

*The requirements for drinking fountains, service sinks and separate restroom facilities are less stringent in the proposed ordinance than the code.

*Alternative approaches for complying with the energy requirements for residential construction were provided.

It is the State's responsibility to inspect the schools for fire codes. We should have the ability to waive the fee for schools. Kulik said if new legislation occurs stating it will be the municipalities to inspect the schools, then the City can charge fees. He said they would like the opportunity to waive fees. Once a decision is made at the state level, concerning the inspection of schools, it needs to be brought back to Council for information.

Key Updates to Fire Code

*Automatic fire sprinkler system requirements were modified to provide fire suppression to all commercial buildings and to exempt them from residential structures with a total square footage of less than or equal to 5,000.

*All State Licensed R-4 Facilities with 6 to 10 occupants now require a fire suppression system with the attic and garage fire suppressed.

*Fire plan submittal for fire sprinkler and fire alarm installation drawings shall gear a minimum review Certification of a National Institute for Certification of Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level III in Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Systems.

*Markings for fire apparatus access roads has been amended to provide an alternative to the Fire Code Official for identifying fire apparatus access roads with curb paints with signage.

*An improved explanation of the requirements for the installation and maintenance of the "Firefighter Breathing Air Replenishment System" in high-rise buildings has been added.

*Where a portion of a facility or building hereafter constructed or moved is more than 400 feet from a fire hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.

*Emergency Responder Radio Coverage is now mandatory in the 2012 International Fire Code for new buildings. This will better ensure radio coverage for emergency responders, especially in larger buildings and commercial developments.

*Carbon Dioxide alarm systems are required when process requires more than 100 pounds of CO2 used in beverage dispensing applications.

Council Consensus:

Would like the option to charge or be able to waive fees for all schools, includes private and public and to include colleges and universities.

- 3.2 [15-5432ws](#) Council will receive an update on proposed amendments to the City of Goodyear Zoning Ordinance.

Katie Wilken, Interim Planning Manager, reviewed the proposed changes to the city's Zoning Ordinance.

Minor Zoning Amendments

*Article 1 - Administration and Procedures

>Create a process for minor zoning amendments.

-Modifications to stipulations.

-Minor changes to PAD document.

-Text amendments.

-Limited by state law governing zoning and zoning amendments.

Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan***Article 3-Zoning Districts**

>Development shall be consistent with the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan.

Comprehensive Sign Package***Article 7-Sign Regulations**

>A Comprehensive Sign Package can also conform to Article 9 (Special Districts).

>Comprehensive Sign Package amendments that are consistent with the Zoning Ordinance are considered "minor" and thus can be approved administratively.

Monument Signs***Article 7-Sign Regulations**

>Modify the minimum of 330 feet between signs if:

-They have been placed on the corner.

-They are placed at entrances to the site.

>Allow developments/commercial centers to have a corner monument sign advertising the name of the development such as "Palm Valley Crossings."

>This is consistent with what has been approved through comprehensive sign packages.

Permanent Adoption of Temporary Changes***Article 7-Sign Regulations**

>Delete the temporary nature of the changes to Article 7 (Signs) that were approved in December 2010

***The permanent changes include:**

>Allows grand-opening signs for 45 days rather than 30 days.

>Allows the continued use of A-Frame Signs.

The changes have been well received and are a benefit to the community.

Temporary Signs***Article 7-Sign Regulations**

>Allow the use of largest Real Estate signs on larger properties.

-Currently a 12 square foot sign is permitted.

-This would allow parcels that are 30 acres in size or larger to have 64 square foot large signs. This is consistent with other nearby communities.

>Allow larger Future Development Signs.

-Currently, only a 32 square foot sign is allowed. the change would keep these regulations for parcels under 30 acres in size.

-For developments that are 30-100 acres, they would be allowed a 64 foot sign.

-For developments that are larger than 100 acres, it would allow signs that are up to 120 square feet in size.

-Corner lots could have two signs, one on each street frontage.

Temporary Uses***Article 4-Special Uses**

>Allow for temporary lay down yards during construction (A lay down yard is staging area for construction).

***Article 8-General Provisions**

>Clarify that latticed patios and ramadas fall under Article 8-1-F-1. This is consistent with how this regulation has been administered in the past.

>Allow trailers to be used as a sales office on large, industrial sites.

Electronic Message Display/Digital Signs***Article 7-Sign Regulations**

>Provide additional regulations regarding electronic message displays. These regulations are consistent with City of Phoenix.

>This change to the sign regulations is consistent with the discussion held at the 2014 City Council Retreat. The purpose is to allow digital signs in certain areas. (Electronic message display with additional information concerning brightness).

McDowell Business and Entertainment District***Article 9-Special Districts**

>Create a business and entertainment district for the McDowell Road Corridor to allow additional signage. The proposal will allow:

-Freestanding monument signs to have an electronic message display.

-Developments/Commercial Centers.

>The development may have multi-tenant signs consistent with the Sign Ordinance (Height: 12 feet; Area: 48 sq. feet.).

>Additional monument signs for each single building along street frontage may also have a monument sign. (Height: 10 feet; 48 square feet).

>Both multi-tenant and individual monument signs may have an electronic message display.

>Additional height and sign area may be approved by City Council.

Council Discussion:

*Need to not just limit this to one area. Other areas should be considered.

*Maybe we don't need to create a special district, but apply to the entire city.

*Need to include other commercial corridors within the City.

*Need to loosen the standards or make it easier to obtain the digital signs in other areas.

*Change standards so that signs can be seen easily on buildings.

Wilken said we can always add land to the districts. However, it is difficult to change it back.

Wilken said she will review the language to make sure it is clear in the ordinance.

*This could be an issue with the area concerning residents in the future. Wilken said there could be issues with PebbleCreek and Palm Valley. I-10 north to McDowell Road is considered commercial. The land use planning for the area west of Winco is business/commercial and residential can be included.

*PebbleCreek residents may have concerns about having digital boards south of them in the commercial area on McDowell Road. Wilken said there are specific items to address digital

boards across from residential areas.

Council Consensus:

Likes the opportunity for digital signs in the McDowell Road Corridor.

- 3.3 [15-5446ws](#) Council will receive an update and provide input on a potential inaugural Veterans Day Event for 2015.

Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director and Guylene Ozlanski, Arts and Culture Coordinator, presented. The Goodyear Parks and Recreation would like to propose a Veterans Day Celebration to be held in the plaza at the Goodyear Ballpark. The event would include:

- *Recognize Local Heroes
- *Host a Field of Honor
- *Dedicate Public Art Tribute to Veterans

For a nominal fee, a flag could be purchased to display for the week. The purchaser would take the flag home after the ceremony.

The planning process would include to ensure that the needs of the Veteran community are met and Veterans would be invited to participate in the planning. Groups would include City employees who are Veterans and local American Legion Posts.

Financial Impact

Staff projects the cost for the event to be \$10,000 which would include staffing, sound and stage, and entertainment. Staff projects that 20% of costs will be recovered in year one with cost recovery increasing annually.

Council Discussion:

- *Concerned that we are commercializing Veterans Day like "Home Plate for the Holidays".
- *The event needs to be respectful.
- *A Veterans Day event shouldn't be about cost recovery.
- *The Moving Wall was done well and very respectful.
- *Do the first year low key. Three hours is too long; two hours would be better.
- *Have a guest speaker and raising of the flags.
- *Some type of memorial in the future-have a living tribute that is available all the time possibly at the ballpark.
- *A Field of Honor is a great suggestion.
- *Doesn't want to conflict with the 9-11 event.
- *Start small and grow it.
- *Have veterans at the event so citizens can hear their stories.
- *Add flags on Veteran's Day down Estrella Parkway to the Ballpark.
- *Would not like to charge for the flags.
- *We should buy fifty flags and give them to the residents after the event.
- *We should charge for the cost of the flag but make it nominal. This would create ownership of the event.
- *There is a great interest in Goodyear for this event.

Torres said that planning the event will be done with the utmost respect. They are looking at a 2-3 hour event for reflection and tribute.

Guylene Ozlanski said they are looking into a public art piece that can be incorporated at the Ballpark area as a tribute to Veterans.

4. INFORMATION

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 7:12 p.m.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____