

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
April 29, 2020
REMOTE MEETING DUE TO COVID-19

Present: Councilmembers Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader, Shachner

Also Present: Mayor George, Law Director Corrigan, Assistant Law Director Swallow, Acting Planning Director Milius, Fire Chief Dunphy, Tracey Nichols, Robyn Minter Smyers, Clerk Bach, Deputy Clerk Lascu

Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

Motion by President O'Malley and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yea: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader, Shachner

Nays: none

Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Communication from Mayor George regarding One Lakewood Place.

Mayor George remarked that her administration has worked diligently and had turned the site over to Carnegie on February 7th. On April 3rd and April 10th Carnegie terminated the Development and Use Agreement (DUA) in writing. Mayor George expressed that she is interested in trying to achieve an amicable parting of ways between the City and Carnegie.

President O'Malley expressed disappointment in this outcome, noting that many put in long hours and hard work to realize One Lakewood Place. He remarked that the development presented a promising opportunity for the City and the City believed that it had found the right partner. He stated that the City has gone above and beyond every obligation in the DUA, including spending millions to demolish the hospital and abate the environmental concerns and that residents need to be aware of this. He expressed a commitment to pursuing another developer that will give residents the development they deserve.

Councilmember Shachner stated that after reviewing all of the communications between the City and Carnegie, he is certain that the City worked in earnest to try and make this development happen. He expressed an expectation that Council can come together and develop a plan to communicate to the public about this issue so that residents understand how we will move forward.

Councilmember Bullock expressed appreciation to the George Administration for continuing the work of the previous administration on this development. He expressed a commitment to the original goals and ambitions of the project and a focus on finding a successful partner

Mayor George acknowledged the time, energy, and money that has been invested in the project and committed to work diligently to get a development in place.

President O'Malley made a motion that was seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the sale of property and imminent court action related to One Lakewood Place. The following other individuals were invited to enter executive session:

Mayor George, Law Director Corrigan, Assistant Law Director Swallow, Acting Planning Director Milius, Fire Chief Dunphy, Tracey Nichols, Robyn Minter Smyers, Clerk Bach, Deputy Clerk Lascu, Finance Director Rancatore.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yea: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Shachner

Nays: Rader

Motion passed. Committee of the Whole entered executive session at 6:52 p.m.

At 8:52 p.m. Committee of the Whole exited executive session.

Councilmembers expressed a desire for guidance regarding what information can be shared with residents and when. Mayor George shared this desire but cautioned that the City needs to position itself in the best possible light knowing that litigation may be coming.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 8:56 p.m.