

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

June 8, 2010

Mayor Pro-tem Peter DeVries called the June 8, 2010 Study Session to order at 9:03 a.m.

Council Present: Mayor Pro-tem Peter DeVries, Tibor Lak, Michael Molohon, Lucky Moore, Elmer Larsen, Robert Francis, and Cheri Kelly Farivar.

Staff Present: Connie Krueger, Chantell Steiner, David Schettler, and Michelle Brooks.

1. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Tibor Lak expressed his concerns with the Wine Walk, which is an alcohol based event, and the lack of presence of Chelan County Sheriff's Office. He stated an incident occurred that had potential to explode, RiverCom had been called to dispatch an officer and to his knowledge no one responded. Councilmember Lak would like to see a police presence at all festivals and events that have alcohol at them.

Councilmember Francis explained that two deputies were assigned that day to cover the area from Leavenworth to Lake Wenatchee, and that a report of loud music is classified as a low priority call so if there were other incidents occurring it may have been that they couldn't respond immediately. He stated that he would look into what happened with the call and why there was no apparent response. Councilmember Francis also clarified why the City of Chelan seemingly has more coverage and explained that they pay for the additional coverage. Council briefly discussed the Chelan County Sheriff's Department contract and suggested a thorough review be done of Leavenworth's contract prior to renewal.

Councilmember Lak stated he thought if the Wine Walk continues next year that they should be required to hire extra patrol or security. Councilmember Elmer Larsen said that any festival or event that has alcohol at it should be required to hire security.

Councilmember Cheri Kelly Farivar asked if it is possible to institute a policy that requires events with alcohol to have security. Councilmember Francis suggested adding it to the Park Use Request form and it was noted that the same language be included in Special Use Permits (SUP) with conditions where necessary. Some events such as Oktoberfest were identified as not having and SUP but may be governed by a separate contract/agreement.

Consensus was to require all events that will have alcohol to apply for a Special Use Permit and it was later discussed that the permit be required to be posted and available at all events with notification to the Sheriff's Office.

Councilmember Farivar inquired about an anonymous letter that she received regarding Oktoberfest and the pre-sale of tickets. Councilmember Lak explained what it was concerning and that it had been discussed.

Councilmember Francis stated that a meeting should be held the second week of July with all parties involved in Oktoberfest.

2. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) – All Staff

Director Schettler explained that the City is required to prepare and adopt a comprehensive transportation program for the subsequent six calendar years, after a public hearing. This Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan is to be filed by June 30th with the Washington State Department of Transportation after adoption, and is utilized as a planning document that aids with funding opportunities. He and Director Krueger reviewed the preliminary list, which was distributed to Council, for the 2011-2016 Plan.

3. Discussion on Upcoming Code Amendments

Director Krueger distributed a list of potential code amendments and reviewed each of them with Council. She noted that these will come before Council in June and July.

Discussion ensued with regard to who should issue Special Use Permits and Director Krueger stated that Staff will work on a sensible threshold for Council/Staff on Special Use Permit review processes. Councilmember Lak suggested that permitted events/festivals be required to post the permit and to notify the Chelan County Sheriff's Office of these events/festivals that have been permitted.

Director Krueger noted that she would address security fencing in the Code Amendments and suggested that a list of these potential amendments be developed and submitted through the yearly Comprehensive Plan process.

Director Steiner reminded Council that the quarterly Budget Amendment is coming up and that Staff has recommended budget reductions. She also noted that a review of the B&O Ordinance may also be addressed.

Councilmember Larsen stated that he would like to review Code Amendments at Study Sessions prior to bringing the final form to Council. Lengthy discussion took place regarding this. Director Krueger stated that she would have to review State Law prior to making any changes in the process of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Director Schettler reviewed the Change Orders submitted by Bremmer Construction on the Gazebo/Front Street Paver project.

Councilmember Farivar inquired about the separation in the Community Development Department and whether anything more has been done to complete this process. Director Krueger stated that the proposal is being reviewed by Interim City Administrator Rich Brinkman.

Study Session adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

Peter DeVries
Mayor Pro-tem

Chantell Steiner
Finance Director/City Clerk