

MINUTE Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Land Use Committee

5:27PM

Carnegie

Town Hall

235 West

10th Street

Members Present: Council Member Rex Rolwing, Council Member Kermit L. Staggers, Council Member Kenny Anderson Jr., Council Member Dean Karsky

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Denise D. Tucker, CMC, Assistant City Clerk; Jim David, Legislative/Operator Manager; David Bixler, Budget Analyst

Guests: Brent O Neil, Adam Roach, Paul Bengford, Greg Jamison, Sue Aguilar

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Rex Rolwing called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Tuesday, March 19, 2013

A motion was made by Dean Karsky and seconded by Kenny Anderson Jr. to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Rolwing called for a voice vote. All members voted yes.

3. Discussion

A. Facade Easement Program Review by Brent O'Neil, Economic Development Manager; David Bixler, Budget Analyst; and Paul Bengford, Assistant City Attorney

Brent O'Neil, Economic Development Manager, said the Facade Easement Program was presented at an Informational Meeting in October. He said a request was made for them to give an update to the Land Use Committee, after working with staff (David Bixler, Budget Analyst; Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager; and Paul Bengford, Assistant City Attorney) on elements of the program. Rolwing said they were asked to present on the program because some people have questioned its effectiveness. O'Neil provided a brief recap of the October presentation. The program began in 2002 and there have been 29 awarded projects (27 Capital Improvement Projects and 2 were non-CIP projects).

Bixler spoke about the facade easement economic results. The two non-CIP projects were not included in the economic impact. Since the inception of the program, the City has invested \$1.7 million and the award recipients have invested \$15.8 million. He said, for all the projects, the overall payback, on

average, is 10 years. Bixler said the assessment value prior to the program, was about \$5.2 million, for all the projects. Afterwards, it's about \$20.3 million. Bixler said the recommended adjustment to the program would be in the post selection process. It would be to confirm legal compliance with the City's Attorney's Office prior to awarding the offer.

Bengford explained where they get the authority, in State Law, to do this. And how far the program can be extended; and whether the program can be extended to non-historic buildings. Discussion followed.

Rolfing said he will contact Council Leadership to view this meeting, and to determine if they want this information presented at an upcoming Informational Meeting.

4. Open Discussion

There was none.

5. Adjournment

Rolfing adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, CMC

Assistant City Clerk