

**Remote Winooski City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 15, 2020 @ 6 PM**

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Agenda Review**

**IV. Public Comment**

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval: City Council Minutes of June 1, 2020
- b. Approval: Payroll Warrant 5/17/2020 to 5/30/2020, Accounts Payable Warrant ending 6/12/20

**VI. Council Reports**

**VII. City Updates**

**VIII. Regular Items**

- a. Approval: Resolution: Winooski Racial Injustice Statement – K Lott
- b. Approval: Resolution: Recognizing June 20<sup>th</sup> as World Refugee Day in Winooski – K Lott
- c. Approval: Resolution: All Cities, Towns and Villages in Vermont are essential. The City Council of Winooski supports fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies – J Baker

**IX. Public Hearings: 6:15 p.m.**

- a. Discussion/Approval: Unified Land Use and Development Regulations Amendment – Parking Waiver – E Vorwald
- b. Discussion/Approval: Interim Zoning Bylaws for Downtown Core Zoning District – E Vorwald

**X. Regular Items**

- a. Approval: Lot 7D (Abenaki Way) Design Review – H Carrington
- b. Discussion: Main Street Revitalization Update – J Rauscher
- c. Discussion: Hickok Street Update – J Rauscher
- d. Discussion/Approval: Creation of a Youth Interventionist Position – R Coffey, P Townsend, A Aldieri
  - a. Job Description: Youth Interventionist – R Coffey, P Townsend
  - b. Budget adjustment to Fund the Youth Interventionist Position – A Aldieri



- e. Approval: Reenact Resolution for a Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance to Alleviate Financial Pressures as a Result of Covid-19 – J Baker & A Aldieri
- f. Approval: COVID-19 Tax Sale Policy – J Baker & A Aldieri
- g. Discussion: Goal Update: Economic Vitality – H Carrington

**XI. Adjourn**

**MINUTES**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Kristine Lott

Councilors: James Duncan, Amy Lafayette, Michael Myers, Hal Colston arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**Officers Present:** Jessie Baker, City Manager Carol Barrett, City Clerk: Angela Aldieri, Finance Director; Heather Carrington, Community and Economic Director; Jon Rauscher, Public Works Director; Eric Vorwald, Planning/Zoning Director; Ray Coffey, Community Services Director; Paul Sarne, Communications Coordinator; Phoebe Townsend, Human Resources Director

**Others Present:** Sarah Van Ryckevorsel, Doug Johnson, Jenny Koppang, Michael O'Brien, Chair of Planning Commission; Joe Gamache, Journey, Suzanne Blain, Terry Zigmund, Doug Nedde, Alan Simon, Steve Kredell, Alain Youkel, William Niquette, Dave Marshall, Jeff Hodgson, Greg Gossens.

**III. Agenda Review**

The Mayor would like to propose a change to this evening's agenda. Councilor Colston will not be able to join us until 7:00 p.m. as he is in legislative committee meeting. He would like and I would like him to participate in the resolutions that we have set up for Regular Items VIII a-b-c. I would propose moving those to Regular Items X b and c, which is Main St. & Hickok St. discussion.

**MOTION** by Councilor Lafayette seconded by Councilor Duncan to move Regular Items VIII a-b-c and to swap with Regular Items X b and c as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

**IV. Public Comment – None**

**V. Consent Agenda**

**MOTION** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Lafayette to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

**VI. Council Reports**

Councilor Duncan - said the Charter Committee met and said they ironed out some concrete steps that they are going to do, entering more outreach and doing some individual outreach. They are going to begin looking at some of the other charter language that is not related to all resident voting.



Councilor Myers - spoke with Gene Richards, Airport Director and said they have reapplied for the sound monitoring grant, also reached out to the guard on the noise monitoring equipment accessory to F35. The airport is working diligently. Also would like to congratulate all the high school graduates.

Councilor Lafayette - She said the Safe Health Connected People Commission is still on pause.

Mayor Lott - said she met with Mayor Weinberger and Council President Helen Riehle in a Burlington Press briefing sharing more details about the grant application. I also joined the Mayors coalition for a press conference releasing a shared platform across our cities for COVID recovery. I was also able to speak to advocating the legislature to extend the debt period on the TIF district, which we have discussed a little bit, not knowing how our finances are going to play out as we approach the end of ours. I'm also advocating for non-residential flexible alternatives for the VT State Policing Academy to not only address the nature of the pandemic but also try to make it easier for anyone to join the policing profession and really make that more inclusive. I have been in daily meetings with Staff, Dept. of Health, Community Partners, City of Burlington, trying to support folks through this outbreak and our City Manager will have more information to share on that.

## VII. City Updates

- Congratulations to the Winooski High School graduates of 2020!
- COVID - Winooski Outbreak
  - 63 (out of 83) Cases currently.
  - Of the 83:
    - Median age is 22 (1 to 82)
    - 59% of adults
    - 17% report symptoms
    - No hospitalizations
    - Majority of households have at least two cases
    - 78 additional contacts
    - All those testing positive or exposed report that they are isolating or quarantining.
    - Huge thanks to VDH and our community partners for their assistance.
    - Have not seen a Winooski case since June 11<sup>th</sup> - but no testing this weekend.
    - THANKS to Neighbors: Over the last two weeks, over 1,700 neighbors have been tested (357 in one day!)



- COVID-19 Testing Continues in Winooski 6/15/20 - 6/19/20
  - O'Brien Community Center ([32 Malletts Bay Ave](#))
  - Specific times and registration at <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/winooski>
  - Testing is free and available to anyone - registration is encouraged but walk-ups are welcomed.
  - These tests are for people without symptoms. People with symptoms should call their doctors.
  - Evening testing opportunities (1 to 7) on Tuesday and Thursday
- Thrive – Operating from July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>. In consultation with VDH and the school. All safety measures will be taken.
- TIF Spring Monitoring Site Visit. In compliance. Angela got the State's gold star for record keeping!
- FY21 Tax Rates
  - No meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> to set the Tax Rate. This can be done on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Typically we send out tax bills in mid-July for a mid-August payment deadlines and a September payment to the School.
  - This year, the State anticipates setting the Ed Property Tax rate around July 1 but the homestead declarations will not be available until early August. This will push back our billing cycle by about a month.
  - Good news on the municipal tax rate side:
    - Budgeting – assumed grand list growth of .8% for a tax rate of \$1.1571 or **2.45%** over last year.
    - Tentative – grand list came in at 2%. So the tax rate is likely to be \$1.1453 or **1.4%** increase over last year.
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - Charter Commission – Virtually tomorrow (Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>) night.

## VIII. Regular Items

### b. discussion: Main Street Revitalization Update – J Rauscher

Mr. Rauscher said the proposed project is on-schedule to maintain the design milestones above. See attached. We are proposing that the next Council decision point will be in August to review the 90% design plans and cost estimate for feedback. The changes since March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting have mainly consisted of underground utility revisions that have resulted in project cost savings.

We will also be exploring additional potential sanitary sewer scope reduction based on closed circuit television video camera inspection. This work is currently out for bid and will be performed next month.

He also said we had submitted a Federal BUILD grant last month. We recently were notified that the application was not accepted due to a delayed receipt. We have reached out to the USDOT as the delay was caused by a technical issue with their application system. As mention previously, last year's application scored well, but this funding program is still a long shot given the nationwide



competition. Our team will continue to look for grant funding opportunities to increase the \$4.7m in grant funding received to date.

The Mayor said in the memo you mentioned coordinating with VTRANS the work they intend to do by the Rotary beyond Main St. She asked if we had an update on that timeline. Mr. Rauscher said the concrete pavement section above the Rotary and on the West side of the Rotary and also W. Allen St. He said they are proposing to do the concrete next season. However, with the Main St. project we are taking a load of work off their plate as they were proposing the following season to resurface Main St. which doesn't make sense if we are going to be reconstructing it in a few years. We've been coordinating with them on doing another repair on the concrete section above the circulator and removing it and replacing it with hot mix asphalt, that's much easier to maintain and less costly to maintain. They have been reviewing the budgets and looks like that is feasible for them. If that does happen, that would push that work to 2022. They would still do the circulator concrete and they would still do W. Allen St, just that section from Mansion St. down to the circulator would be asphalt. The Mayor had some concerns about the cost benefit. Mr. Rauscher said there is some funding strategy there. The Main St paving is funded under Water resources funding not a general fund cost and that is also, where our grant funding kicks in.

Mr. Myers is concerned about putting asphalt down especially with all the trucks that come through.

**c. Discussion: Hickok Street Update – J Rauscher**

Mr. Rauscher said we held a bid opening for the Hickok Street phase 2-reconstruction work. We only received one bid. The bid was approximately \$1.3M above the Engineer's construction estimate (Engineer's Estimate: \$1.68M, Bid: \$2.99M). The bid was rejected on the basis of receiving only one response and the amount exceeded the projects total bond capacity. For reference, the City would need to expend +\$280K in combined General and Sewer Reserve Funds to accept the bid.

Based on discussion with the project team, we are proposing to re-bid the work with an extended schedule. Based on interviews with local contractors, the lack of response is due to a backlog of construction projects from the COVID shutdown. Most stated that they would be willing to bid the project if the schedule were relaxed to allow completion in 2021.

The Mayor said this delay is disappointing and not great for folks who are directly impacted by it, but we also need to recognize that this pandemic has very real impacts.

Mr. Myers asked if there was a timetable on these funds and will this be an impact on our taxpayers. Mr. Rauscher said we have to stay within our bond capacity and we are going to work within the budget we have of \$1.3M.

Councilor Lafayette asked about outreach efforts. Mr. Rauscher said we have a local list serv, community kick off meeting and door-to-door services. We also have a dedicated project staff.

**IX. Public Hearings: 6:15 p.m.**

**a. Discussion/Approval: Unified land Use and Development Regulations Amendment – Parking Waiver – E Vorwald**

Mr. O'Brien, Chair of the Planning Commission read the following statement:



Good evening, my name is Mike O'Brien, I am the current chair of the Planning Commission. I speak on behalf other Planning commission and am joined in this remote city council meeting by other members of the Planning commission who are on-line with us tonight.

We are here tonight to request that the City Council deny the passage of the Parking Waiver amendment as proposed, and refer it back to the Planning Commission for further review.

The Parking Waiver amendment was introduced to the Planning Commission as a means to address the required on-site parking for uses not identified in the zoning regulations, specifically as related to schools. It should be noted that when the current zoning regulations were being drafted, the Planning Commission has an extensive discussion about parking, and decided on the existing minimum on-site parking requirements. Unfortunately, not all uses were included in the parking requirements section of the zoning regulations.

It should be noted that the adopted zoning regulations include a provision that provides for an administrative reduction of up to 10% of the required on-site parking with Traffic Demand Management strategies, and a reduction of a maximum of 20% or 10 on-site spaces if an off-site locations is identified within 1,400 feet of the property. So, there are administrative remedies to reduce the on-site parking requirements of zoning.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to forward the Parking Waiver amendment to the City Council for your consideration. Although approved unanimously, the Planning Commission had significant concerns about the waiver language.

The Planning Commission was concerned about the impacts that parking waivers might have on adjacent neighborhoods. These concerns included impacts to the quality of life due to increased traffic, overuse of the main corridors for off-site parking and the resulting spillover and/or use of the adjacent neighborhood streets to accommodate excess parking needs of a project, and potential safety issues due to an increase in traffic and on-street parking on neighborhood streets.

When revising the current zoning ordinance, including Form Based Code, the Planning commission consciously kept the residential character of existing neighborhoods with commercial uses centered primarily along the main corridors and in the downtown. In fact, the Form Based Code includes a neighborhood manners that acts as a buffer zone to ensure that commercial uses do not bleed into or negatively impact adjacent residential neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission is concerned about reliance on on-street parking without consideration to the supply of spaces, particularly given the proposed Main Street Revitalization with plans to decrease the number of on-street spaces, and the limited number of spaces along East Allen Street. And to restate, the Planning commission is concerned about the potential for bleeding of parking into



neighborhoods adjacent to the main corridors along Main Street, East Allen Street and Mallets Bay Avenue.

The Planning Commission is concerned that the first request for a parking waiver from a private developer was approved by the DRB. Our concern is not with the DRB because their job is to consider these requests in light of the ordinance language and their interpretation of the regulation. Nor is our concern specific to the developer who successfully argued their case to the DRB. Rather, the concern is that the approval of this request shed light on the fact that the parking waiver language is not as clear as intended when forwarded by the Planning Commission to the City Council.

The Planning Commission understood that a parking waiver would be extremely difficult to obtain because it would require a traffic and parking study to be completed by a licensed engineer. These studies were reported to be expensive and time consuming, and therefore unlikely to be undertaken by a developer given the availability of the existing administrative reductions. And it was believed by many on the Commission that a parking waiver was intended solely for use for parcels with physical conditions adverse to development that would limit the ability to accommodate the required on-site parking, not to allow for increased density of a developable site.

The City is undertaking a parking study, which is anticipated to be completed within the next fiscal year. The Planning Commission believes that the parking study will provide important additional information to be considered in the discussion of parking waivers.

Given the concerns outlined above, the Planning Commission hereby requests that the City Council reject the Parking Waiver Amendment as currently proposed, and refer it back to the Planning Commission for future consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Terry Zigmund wanted to second everything that Mike said as a member and also a member of the public and caring for adjacent neighbors.

The public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

Councilor Duncan asked if we do reject this is there any impact to the school. Mr. Vorwald said no.

Councilor Lafayette said we should refer it back to them if that is what they are recommending.

Mayor Lott said she has been hesitant all along. We are missing the bigger picture of our master plan. How are we going to address parking in the gateway? Taxes and rent too high. I'm inclined to deny the parking waiver and continue working with those goals.

Councilor Myers agrees with the Mayor and do what's best for Winooski.

**MOTION** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to deny the parking waiver and direct the Planning Commission to revise the parking standards to support mix use development density along the gateway, and support of the master plan goals or identify incentives that would allow for reduce parking in exchange for those goals. Voted and passed 3-0.



**b. Discussion/Approval: Interim zoning Bylaws for Downtown Core Zoning District – E Vorwald**

The Public Hearing opened at 7:00 p.m. the Mayor asked if there were any public comment on the Interim Zoning Bylaws for Downtown Core Zoning District. Hearing none, public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

The Council supports the alternate version. See attached.

**MOTION** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Lafayette to approve the alternate Interim zoning bylaw to reference the 2019 wetland delineation as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

Councilor Colston arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**X. Regular Items**

**a. Approval: Lot 7D (Abenaki Way) Design Review – H Carrington**

Ms. Carrington said that as part of the permitting process you as council have a role in the process. As part of the permitting, it involves us going back for an amendment for our original ACT250 for the downtown master plan. It's the City's Council role is to approve the design and to ensure that it's consistent with the master plan and the City's future development goals.

We are the co-applicant but we are also the owner of the property, so we have gone ahead with the ACT250 application with the understanding that this design review, because we own the property we can pull back that ACT250 and amend it if there are changes to be made based on your review of the design. We have a whole team here today to walk you through the preliminary designs, I'm going to turn it over to Doug Nedde or Bill Niquette who will introduce each additional consultant through the process.

Mr. Nedde gave an overview of the project and we brought along our team tonight. There is a large part of our team that has been involved in Winooski Redevelopment and that's been over 21 years.

Alain Youkel – architect for Hotel and previously a partner in River Run and River House and the former Peking Duckhouse.

Alan Simon – designer and engineer for the garage that we are proposing to develop and build. Alan goes back to engineering the city garage and helped fixing the Hallkeen garage.

Greg Gossens – architect for the VEIC building and he goes back into living in the Winooski block.

The next four people were involved with the original re-development of Winooski:

Dave Marshall, Civil Engineering

Jeff Hodgson, Landscape Architect

Bill Niquette who is my partner in the hotel and the project manager. Bill at the time was Executive Director of WCDC 21 years ago and we have Liam Murphy who is the City's Real Estate attorney 21 years ago.

We have a really talented and dedicated team to quality projects.





Each developer gave a summary of what their designing.

Councilor Colston would like to see a space for people to connect and really enjoy the surroundings.

Councilor Duncan very excited about the project and was concerned about whether the trees will stay or be replaced. Mr. Niquette said the plan is to replace them.

Councilor Myers asked if this was privately owned or a chain. Mr. Niquette said we are taking advantage of a boutique hotel. It's sort of comparable and scale to Hotel Vermont. Are intention is to utilize what Marriot calls a soft brand. They 2 levels of boutique that are not the same cookie cutter design requirements. You can bring your own locally conceived design, but then you use the benefit from the Marriott reservation process. It's an opportunity to take advantage of that international standing to draw people to the site who might not find out about it, they were' Marriott family members but at the same time have an identity for the hotel that's very specifically kind of Vermont and we hope to incorporate a lot of Winooski elements to it.

Mr. Johnson said the design is a great improvement from the initial design. His concerns are the electrical installation and the overhead wires at the entrance to Casavant Park. His other concern was if the hotel is going to serve breakfast to hotel guest. Mayor Lott said we spoke with the business community and they all want this.

Ms. Van Rykoversel would like to see more of a classic line instead of angle on the VEIC building. Councilor Duncan and Myers like the design.

**MOTION** by Councilor Colston seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve Lot 7D (Abenaki Way) Design review as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

The Mayor called for a 5-minute recess at 8:08 and the meeting reconvened at 8:13.

#### **b. Approval: Resolution: Winooski Racial Injustice Statement – K Lott**

The Mayor said the Resolution we have here tonight seeks to acknowledge that racial injustice was permeated are culture from the beginning of U.S. History right to this day and right here in Winooski and commit to taking actions that address that and create anti-racist policies. The Resolution also includes examples of such policies and practices that are already in place and future efforts underway in the hope to share some of that with community members and create more conversations that can continue advancing equity here in Winooski.

Councilor Colston said this is a very important step for our City to acknowledge and support in terms of our resolution, but I strongly feel that it will be a mood point unless and until people identify why and take responsibility for systemic racism. I'm hopeful and I see signs of that happening in various parts of our state even within our legislature but its really the work that its going to require for people who are in the dominant culture to understand how did you end up on third base and no you didn't hit a trip, no you were born there yet it's not about guilt but its about unpacking. How did this all come to be so I strongly encourage my white brothers and sisters to educate yourselves and to discover the education we never received and our formal education, about what's really going on here. I strongly encourage to reach out to your own group and look in the mirror reflect and hopefully be moved in a way to ship your being so we can generally work together as people of color and people in a dominate culture to address racial inequity. We are all harmed by it, for me is



the truth at the end of the day. We are all impacted by this system of oppression. If we were going to get along I think incumbent on people who are in the dominant culture to do the work and don't dwell on it move through it because otherwise it's status quo for so many years in our country. The Mayor said that as community leaders we have an obligation to be learning about and trying to understand the experiences that other members of our community have. Whether it reflects what we know or what we believe to be true, we need to listen for understanding and try to set aside our own experiences, so that we can make better decisions on behalf of everyone. It can be uncomfortable and we have volunteered ourselves for a position that often comes with uncomfortable discussion and difficult decisions.

Council Lafayette and Councilor Duncan agree with everything that has been said.

**MOTION** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Lafayette to approve the Resolution, Winooski Racial Injustice Statement as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**c. Approval: Resolution: Recognizing June 20<sup>th</sup> as World Refugee Day in Winooski – K Lott**

The Mayor said we have a Resolution in support of June 20<sup>th</sup> being recognized as World Refugee Day in Winooski. Given that, we have a community of refugees in our city and has residences and businesses have committed to welcome these new neighbors.

**MOTION** by Councilor Colston seconded by Councilor Myers recognizing June 20<sup>th</sup> as World Refugee Day in Winooski as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**d. Approval: Resolution: All Cities, Towns and Villages in Vermont are essential. The City Council of Winooski supports fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies – J Baker**

The City Manager said congress is considering another COVID stimulus package that may include funding to provide direct financial support to small municipalities; they've done this for larger municipalities none that qualify in Vermont. VLCT has partnered with the National League of Cities to advocate to congress for municipalities inclusion in that legislation. This is a resolution that they have drafted, that would be aggregated across Vermont and help with that advocacy effort.

**MOTION** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve the Resolution: All cities, towns and villages in Vermont are essential. The City Council of Winooski supports fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**e. Discussion/Approval: Creation of a Youth Interventionist Position – R Coffey, P Townsend, A Aldieri**

**a. Job Description: Youth Interventionist – R Coffey, P Townsend**

**b. Budget adjustment to Fund the Youth Interventionist Position – a Aldieri**

The City Manager said this has been a conversation that has been going on for many months in the city. Last year we talked to you about youth during the summer needing things to do. We want to make sure that all our young people are connected to services and how do we do that with existing staff structure. It's also capitalizing on loss opportunity of no longer having a community justice



center but having general fund dollars associated with that grant match that we are now advocating to move this position.

Mr. Coffey said this is a real timely shift. This is something we have been angling towards this approach. We are hoping that this is the new first step that we are able to get to kids, connect with them, and connect them with resources and families of resources before they are even entering the rep board process with the justice center.

The City Manager said per our charter you are required to approve new position titles and purpose statement and funding sources. This is the first vote that we are asking you to take is the creation of this position and the second vote is actually transferring the funds that currently sit within the Police Dept. as the grant match to our community justice program that currently funds Margaret Bass salary and transfer that out of the Police Dept. to Ray's dept. to fund this Youth Interventionist position within the Community Services Dept. In the interest of full disclosure, the intention is that Margaret Bass continue to do this work.

Discussion ensued concerning where she will work and how long is the position. Ms. Townsend said it would be budget to 10 to 12 hours per week for the fiscal year. The City Manager said which is also, about what Margaret is currently working.

Councilor Myers asked if 12 hours is enough time to reach what she needs to reach. Is this going to be a new position that we budget every year or is this year we see how it works and build off that. The City Manager said this is not replacing our community justice center. The Dept. of corrections has eliminated our grant for that this year. This is in addition to that service that we will no longer provide here but as Ray said earlier this is before they get to the Reparative panel. This is money that we budgeted for the FY21 budget.

**MOTION** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Colston to approve the job description for the Youth Interventionist as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**MOTION** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve the budget adjustment to fund the Youth Interventionist Position as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**f. Approval: Reenact Resolution for a Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance to Alleviate Financial Pressures as a Result of COVID-19 – J Baker & A Aldieri**

The City Manager said this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> extension of that emergency ordinance; this gets us through the mid July point where we accrue the interest for the water and sewer payments that were delayed. The next item is our long-term solution for tax sales.

**MOTION** by Councilor Lafayette seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the Reenact Resolution for a Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance to Alleviate Financial Pressures as a Result of COVID-19 as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**g. Approval: COVID-19 Tax Sale Policy – J Baker & A Aldieri**

The City Manager said this is a solution to not having you readopt an emergency ordinance for the next 12 months to continue the intent of not having tax sales for folks who became delinquent because of COVID. This is a policy you are establishing for a year to direct us not to enter into any tax sale process for any delinquency that is a result of COVID.



**MOTION** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Lafayette to approve the COVID-19 Tax Sale Policy as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

**h. Discussion: Goal Update: Economic Vitality – H Carrington**

Ms. Carrington updated the Economic Vitality

- To Implement Way Finding plan, we have completed. I have the final documents from the consultant and I have closed out the grant and put our final requisition on that. The next step is to move into next year's plan to actually do fabrication and installation.
- Strengthen Parking Operation- Will be an ongoing goal and we moved that into our next 6 month goal.
- Implement Legacy Campaign – We had laid out a timeline for a bunch of things that would happen for this. In the end, nothing can happen with COVID-19 or most of it can't happen. We are going to have to revamp how we go about doing this.
- Executive Development – We have completed that but we didn't do it with the hotel developer that we thought we were but were still working with all hotel developers in our city to assist them as needed.
- Utilize Opportunity Zone – There is no recording component for this.
- Historical Preservation Planning – We did win the municipal planning grant for that. We put out an RFP and hired the consultant and the consultant has started the process

**MOTION** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:50 p.m. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

