

Council Workshop Minutes
5/8/19 – 7:20 p.m.

In Attendance: Mayor Dudley, Councilmembers Hautt, Troup and Roberts, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora **Absent:** Vice-Mayor Howell

○ **54th Avenue Banner Sign**

Manager Campbell showed a presentation on Pole Banners. The banners would both beautify and delineate our small town from our larger neighbors. Pole banners are a relatively inexpensive and very public option to convey to residents and visitors where Kenneth City is and who we are. The banners would be placed on the Duke Energy light poles. A few different examples of banners were shown. The cost would be approximately \$200 per light pole. Manager Campbell is seeking consensus to move forward with this.

Mayor Dudley likes the idea of 3 banners, over a 12-month period. Holiday, 4th of July and the Town banner.

Councilmember Troup would also agree with 3 banners.

There was general consensus from the Council to move forward with three banners.

○ **Special Magistrate Discussion**

Manager Campbell stated the Special Magistrate would address and deal with code violations in a more expeditious manner. The special magistrate takes the place of a code enforcement board. Kenneth City has reached the point, where a special magistrate would be very beneficial.

Attorney Mora stated the Council will decide how we move forward and handle these code enforcement issues, as it relates to the magistrate local code violation.

At the current time, what happens is someone gets a notice of violation. If they did not comply, they would have to go to the Pinellas County Court House, for an arraignment, pretrial, and then trial. These are scheduled once a month for Cities. There is a 90-day outset before the fine is assessed. The Town sees virtually none of the fine collected, because of the administrative court costs. There are also the attorney's fees.

Three and four years ago the Town Council adopted a Code Amendment to allow for and endorse the provisions in Chapter 162, allowing the Town to use of a Special Magistrate.

Manager Campbell is looking for guidance to begin the process of putting out an RFP for another Attorney to serve as a Special Magistrate, who will hear the cases. The special magistrate is an impartial person. They are not an employee of the Town. They will be present to hear the case. They are only payed when they work.

There would be two hearings, first the town has to established they are in violation of the code. If they are in violation, they are given a compliance date. If they are not in compliance by the next hearing, they will be assessed a fine between \$50-\$250 a day, by statue.

Just because a special magistrate is hired, doesn't mean every case needs to go to the special magistrate. This would be the exception, not the rule.

This is a workshop; official actions are not being taken. Staff is just looking for guidance, as to what policy you would like to see developed.

There is general consensus from the Council to move forward with the RFP and go through the competitive process. Once the bids are in, a recommendation that will be brought back to Council for approval.

- **July 4th Discussion**

Manager Campbell stated we are prepared to go forward with the parade, however we just wanted to confirm this is still what the Council wants to do going forward. An alternative, would be a Town appreciate cookout in the cooler months.

There was consensus to continue doing the parade this year. However, for next year start the discussion earlier in the year, as to this event.

- **Schleck Park Discussion**

Manager Campbell would like to put together a master plan for Schleck Park, with the help of Jake Zimmerman. A proposal, which has been submitted includes a pedestrian connection to the park, no play equipment, ADA friendly, sidewalks, more parking, and an area for what maybe a library or community center.

There was general consensus from the Council to move forward with this plan.

- **Adjournment-**

Motion to Approve:

Councilmember Troup

Second:

Councilmember Hautt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy M. Matson, Town Clerk

