



Council Work Session

October 19th, 2021

ROLL CALL: Mayor Don Ware called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room with Councilor Hansen, Councilor Neddeau, Councilor Humphreys, and Councilor Craven present. Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman, Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink, and City Administrator Scott McDowell were also present.

PUBLIC: No public was present.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: McDowell added 4) Law Enforcement Levy and 5) Council Candidates Voting Process to the discussion tonight.

GOALS & PROJECT REVIEW:

1. **General Property and Right-of-Way Issues.** Mr. McDowell refreshed Council on Brownsville Municipal Code, Chapter 15.87, Fence Standards. Staff reported on two current issues. Staff explained the impacts to the City. These issues include, 1) location, and 2) fence height. Staff has already spent over 60 hours total trying to resolve these issues.
2. **Capital Improvements Review.** Mr. McDowell reviewed the history of the Kirk Avenue saga – again. People continue to be unhappy with the condition of the roadway. Staff has spent considerable time with phone calls and emails in an effort to clarify the issue to no avail.
3. **Facility Logistics.** McDowell reminded Council of public comments from last Council meeting regarding masks and mandates. It is important to note that the current meeting procedures have been vetted and approved by the City Attorney. There was also an editorial in *The Times* recently condemning some Council decisions and operations.
4. **Law Enforcement Levy.** Sheriff Jim Yon was at the September Council meeting promoting the upcoming Law Enforcement Levy on the ballot and asking for council support. Yon shared that there will be no law enforcement contracts because the LCSO will lose about 75% of their current Staff should the levy fail. Discussion ensued. McDowell also mentioned the County District Attorney's call for help earlier this year and last year.
5. **Council Candidates Voting Process.** The voting process was reviewed. Parameters will be set at the Council meeting before the voting commences. Current applicants include Don Andrews and Lynda Chambers, however, the deadline is Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Council adjourned by consensus at 8:00 p.m.

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City Administrator S. Scott McDowell

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Mayor Don Ware