

AGENDA
JUNE 5, 2006
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FREEMAN/SASSER BUILDING
7:00 PM

VISITORS: Andrew Whalen, Alison Baker, Gary Gruby, Sheleen & Shannon Ferry, Rhonda & David Moye, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Karina Langford, Matt Hauert, Joe & Shelda Hayes, John Zheng, Taylor Ray, John & Ryan Adams, Phillip Orr, Chase Burnett, Rick Adams, Matthew & Tina Hough, Michael, Jason & Chris Albert, Jim McDonough, Zachary Moye, Michael Rollins, Bill & Nancy Roy, Aime Scarbrough, Alex Tye, Teresa Reed, Jordan & Kris Reed, Bill & Trey Lackey, Bell Albert, Gary Miller, John Thompson, Bonnie Thompson, Robin Couch, Lacy Lloyd, Rebecca Neill, Melinda Garver, Chief Bennett, Lynn & Christian Wendt, Matt Morgan, Carlos Ortez, Sarah Campbell and Mary Provost.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Benson, Owens & Wood
COUNCIL ABSENT: Harrison

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Mayor Belisle then asked for a motion to amend the agenda for the addition of Winpak Discussion which will be listed under New Business 5-B. C. Owens made motion to amend the agenda for this addition & was 2nd by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the May 15, 2006 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the May 15, 2006 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rhonda Moye thanked all for coming and introduced the following Committee members; David Moye, Alison Baker, Gary Gruby, Sheleen Ferry, Matt Hauert and Karina Langford. Ms. Moye stated that with the Library moving to the park it is a great time to upgrade. Ms. Moye then stated that with the continuing growth Senoia is experiencing its time to make an investment in our kids and our parks, adding that the last few months have been spent making plans for the revitalization of the current park in phases. Phase 1 will be reviewed tonight along with the request that Council commit to funding to make it happen. Gary Gruby stated that the Committee members have been “looking through the eyes of children” as they plan and this is an incredible opportunity bringing the Library to the park. “A community is measured by parks and recreation and how many trees

are left". Mr. Gruby then thanked Mr. Ferry for his suggestion of a train depot footprint, which could include a platform on the West end of the Library for children to stand on and watch the passing trains while proposing dinosaurs to the other end. Mr. Gruby would also like to see outdoor restrooms for when the Library is closed. Alison Baker then pointed out some equipment that is planned, including age appropriate play areas, with the younger 2-5 year olds fenced in. Both planned play areas will also be entirely ADA compliant. The younger accommodating up to 35 kids and the older 45. Tree houses, slides, cargo net and telescopes are a few of the items planned for the 6-12 year olds. Sheleen Ferry pointed out phase 1 photo overview and added that a race car is planned for each age group and handicap & bucket swings. Ms. Ferry added that some of what is already in the park will be incorporated and the rest will be donated or relocated to the ball fields. Being kept is the large swing set, dinosaur, tic-tac-toe game and the merry go round. Phase 2 & 3 may include a splash pad and water play area, bike path and the Committee would also like to re-fence the tennis court along with resurfacing and maybe add a skate board ramp. **At this time all were asked to take a tour of the park.** David Moye stated that the Committee has done a very good job with the kid's safety in mind, ADA compliancy and budget. All comments past and present were considered. Mr. Moye then thanked Randy Padgett for marking the trees for future reference. Mr. Moye then asked Council to consider a motion to commit funding for park enhancement and also commitment of all rentals of the F/S Building to the maintenance of the park. Mr. Moye thanked all for coming. Shelda Hayes stated that the older kids haven't been mention and asked what is planned for them, as well as the cook pits that are used during family reunions and cookouts in the park? Ms. Ferry informed all that most of the older kids are involved in activities at school where the younger kids aren't offered that opportunity but the larger items are planned as well such as skateboard ramp, bike trails, tennis courts, etc. Ms. Hayes then asked if all can expect taxes to go up to fund this & was told that grants will be looked in to, as well as outside funding. Ms. Hayes then asked why nothing is planned for senior citizens & was told that fitness stations are being planned for the walking trails. C. Benson asked if the Committee is still meeting & was told yes, once a month and all are invited to attend. Gary Miller asked if supervision is planned & was told absolutely as the phases are added. Lacy Lloyd thanked the Committee for a wonderful job. All of Council thanked the Committee for their hard work. Mr. Ferry then reviewed City uncommitted funding sources of \$104,000, which can be used for the parks. Phase 1 is estimated at a cost of \$134,000. C. Wood then made motion to adopt the plan for phase 1 as presented and the funding short fall to come from reserve. This motion was 2nd by C. Benson & carried unanimously.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. 2nd Read-Creation of Parks & Recreation Zoning Classification

C. Owens made motion to approve the 2nd read of the Creation of a Parks & Recreation Zoning Classification & was 2nd by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2nd Read-Changes to Current Conservation Subdivision District-Postpone

C. 2nd Read-Changes to Current Historic Neighborhood District

C. Wood made motion to approve the 2nd read to the changes to the Historic Neighborhood District & was 2nd by Mayor Belisle. Motion carried unanimously.

D. 2nd Read-Creation of Commercial Overlay District/Changes to Sign Ordinance

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2nd read to the Commercial Overlay District/Changes to the Sign Ordinance & was 2nd by c. Owens. C. Wood asked what the changes are to the Sign Ordinance & was told simply inclusion into the overlay district. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Transportation Enhancement/Streetscape Agreement

Mr. Ferry stated that 3 qualified firms were sought out through RPQ's and of the two top were asked to submit proposals. Only one response was received from Keck and Wood for the same amount of the estimated cost estimate of \$50,000. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to retain the services of Keck & Wood for the design and construction of the streetscape project on Main Street. This motion was 2nd by C. Benson and carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amy Hopkins of 430 South Ridge-Water Complaint-Postpone

B. Winkpak Discussion

Mr. Ferry informed all that the City has been asked to convey a piece of land "virtually unusable to the City" to Winkpak for their expansion and to fit their retention pond according to our development standards. This land is located in the wooded area between Winkpak and the main entrance into the ball fields. A question has also come up of past discussions regarding conveyance of land on the old Howard Road bed, where that land was agreed to be deeded over but never was. Mr. Ferry is proposing to Council that the piece of property on the SE corner now being used as greenspace (sewer line easement) be conveyed to Winkpak if the old Howard Road bed hasn't been. Mr. John Zheng was introduced as technical director of Winkpak and he thanked Council for consideration. Mr. Zheng stated that Winkpak needs State, County & City support for this "very important project". C. Wood stated that it looks like this will cost the City \$300,000 and with 70 additional employees, how much revenue is anticipated to come to the City? C. Wood continued by stating that he is not opposed to it but "the numbers might not work for the City". C. Wood stated that it is the technical issues with what is being proposed that are troubling and doesn't think that with a "40 Million dollar project that this \$300,000 road won't be a deal breaker." Mayor Belisle stated for record that the City is not spending \$300,000 for a road and continued to say the only commitment they are asking for is property

exchanges and the City to reroute the drive we currently use to access the public works building. C. Wood then asked who will pay for the new drive & Mr. Ferry said the majority cost (Phase 2) will be funded through EIP grant and the 12 foot wide access drive will be funded through SPLOST or County funding. C. Wood states that he wants to work out a solution but wants to avoid compromising the ball fields and asks that an alternative land swap be looked at. Mayor Belisle made proposal contingent on Winpak allowing us to come off the existing road on their part of the property line to allow a gravel road along that edge to get to the building, getting a written easement, adding that this will keep us off the ball fields. Mayor Belisle also wants the property line staying off the shoulder of the road at the entrance to the ball fields.....City Attorney Andrew Whalen suggests rather than approve with contingencies to wait on a firm proposal, asking the Mayor or C. Wood to act on behalf of Council to work this out. Both indicated that they are unavailable this week. Mr. Zheng indicated that ground breaking is scheduled for the first two weeks in July. Wood then made motion that the City will transfer the land it owns for a water storage pond and in return Winpak will grant us right of way inside their property line sufficient for ingress/egress (suggested 28 feet) connecting to the future phase 2 road, and that further the land that the City is being asked not encroach upon the current entry of the ball park (boundary lines drawn as to avoid that) and to stay outside of that road way and third, prior to the construction of the proposed building the future phase 2 road access will be open in a construction road manner, giving us access to the new roadway area prior to closing Howard Road. Mr. Zheng said that Winpak will work with the City and will have their engineer look at the proposal tomorrow. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle 2nd motion and it carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS-None

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Belisle informed all that in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program the Library is hosting a magic show Tuesday, June 6th at the F/S Building to begin at 2:00 PM.

Mayor Belisle thanked all involved with the success of the Memorial Day Celebration. C. Wood also thanked the leadership of the DDA for their hundreds of hours spent on preparation.

Mayor Belisle asked if a meeting change is necessary on July 3rd? Council agreed to hold the meeting as scheduled.

9. ADJOURN

C. Benson made motion to adjourn the June 5, 2006 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

