

April 5, 2021

Members present: Schaber, Swanger, Meade

With a quorum present, Schaber called meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Minutes:

Motion made by Swanger, Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Schaber, Swanger, Meade.

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Old Business:

New Business

1. DISCUSSION ONLY -- City Property/Safety City Building -- Mayor/Chaffin
 - 2019 and 2020 Financial Statements
 - Association Agreement
 - ByLaws
 - Mission Statement and History
 - Tax-Exempt Status

Mayor Schertzer explained that the board of Safety City has approached the City about taking over ownership of Safety City which was a former firehouse. Various documents were provided to the committee, as listed above.

Service Director Chaffin explained that nonprofit Safety City has operated out of the former Mark Street Fire Station from the time Jim Temple was a patrolman. In 2000, they set up an association agreement for which they would maintain the building. They teach kids about fire safety, gun safety, distribute smoke alarms, etc. They have been self-sufficient. The City has not put any money into that building or any of the grounds or anything with that since at least 2013. In their financial statement, they have ample resources to maintain the building and they have done a very nice job with that. They would like to take full ownership of the building. We have no interest or need in that building. She has worked with Law Director Russell to determine the appropriate action needed in order for them to take ownership of that building.

The City would declare that this building is no longer necessary for municipal purposes. The City has not used it in at least 25 years. Safety City is a 501c3. This would just be a transfer of the property, not a sale. This is being brought forward just for discussion.

Discussion continued about options for a deed restriction that would ensure the charitable use of the building and prevent a future sale. Law Director Russell said that could be included in the transfer document.

The Mayor does not recall any precedent set with other property that the city has allowed someone else to take over.

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Mr. Daniels is not comfortable giving a building to a nonprofit. Yes, they may have taken good care of it, but they also had free use of the building. He would rather look at a lease arrangement.

Mr. Ratliff stated that something like this happened with the Oak Street School. The School gave it to the Boys and Girls Club. The School was not able to give it to the BGC.

Chaffin and the Mayor will work with the Law Director and the Board to explore options. This gives them the opportunity to let people know what is going on with a public property. Safety City is continuing to operate with no change. They may come forward with legislation later.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

There being no further business, Schaber adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Chairman Schaber

Clerk of Council