



ATTENDANCE:

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Those present included: Daniel Swartwout (Chairman), Heather Karr, Jon C. Bennehoof (late) and Frank Bertone, Councilmembers; Heather Gonzalez, Citizen Representative; Andy White, City Manager; Claudia Husak, Planning Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and other interested parties. Melissa Riggins and Ryan Herchenroether, Citizen Representative, were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of June 15, 2021 were approved as written.

NEW ITEMS:

- a. **Personnel – Open Positions:** Andy updated the Committee on those available positions within the City. Currently, the positions of City Clerk, HR Business Partner and Services Director are being advertised and will close next Friday. Others positions will be advertised in the near future, including the Parks & Rec Department, Services Department and Engineering Department. Andy would like to make some modifications to salaries and structure, and hopes to have this first group of positions filled by the end of August or first of September.
- b. **Parks Update:**
 - i. **I-9 Sports:** Pursuant to the contract and first round sign-ups, the City received about \$9,000 in income and anticipates about the same generation for the fall program. Going into the new year, Andy anticipates it to be even more successful with greater participation.

There was a few issues at Seldom Seen Park with I-9 this past weekend. People were parking on the front lawn even though there was ample parking in the parking lot, and with the excessive rain Friday into Saturday, that caused some damage to the lawn. There was some confusion that the area was considered as overflow parking. I-9 has accommodated all the City's requests to help remedy the damage.

Long-term, this needs to be addressed with a policy and remediation statement to restrict parking on the grass. Staff is looking into remediation and will report back to Andy tomorrow.

- ii. **Concert Series:** Andy said the first concert series was well received and well attended. The second concert series event is at the end of next week. There were no issues resulting from the first concert series event. Heather G recommended another beer truck be added to future events, but Andy mentioned that there is a need to strike a balance with the downtown businesses and DORA with what the City provides so as to not draw patrons away from the downtown businesses. Andy went over the remaining events scheduled in 2021.
 - iii. **Fireworks:** Dan said he thought the fireworks were outstanding and folks watched from various locations all around the City. Andy said he would like to continue this model moving forward because the feedback he received has been very positive. There was only one complaint reported to the Fire Department about some embers that the Fire Department felt was debris from someone else doing their own fireworks display.
 - iv. **Downtown Events:** Andy continues to feel the DORA is a positive addition to the downtown and would like to continue it moving forward. A couple of issues of consideration are permanent signage with QR codes that have the rules listed, and he is looking at this as a budgetary item in the fiscal year of 2022. Heather G suggested putting the QR code directly on the cup label as well. Jon mentioned getting a matrix to see how the DORA has affected the businesses within the DORA area.
- c. **Additional Items:** Andy mentioned that he has received numerous calls from citizens sighting coyotes in public areas around the City. He believes the City needs to look into taking some action on this.

Andy is also working with Chief on some sort of resolution to the continuing issues created between the businesses surrounding the residential neighborhood during the DORA.

Chairman Swartwout thanked Karen for her service to the City and wished her well in her transition to Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.