

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
WITH ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE**

CITY HALL

**NOVEMBER 30, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS

**COUNCIL: KEVIN CRAIG
HAYLEY FRANKLIN
MIKE GORDON
DOUG HILL
DWIGHT LOUDEN**

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON

CLERK-TREASURER: LEATHA GRIMES

PRESS: KRISTIN BECK/NEWS-DEMOCRAT

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN JEFF DICKOW

**GUESTS: CARROLLTON MAIN STREET ECONOMIC
VITALITY COMMITTEE:
NANCY JO GROBMYER
JIM FOTHERGILL
MALCOLM CARRACO
SAM BURGESS
LUANNE SIMMONS
CARA LONG
JEFF MOORE
GARY MATHIS**

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. THE MAYOR DECIDED TO FOREGO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION.

DISCUSSION OF RENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

MAYOR ADAMS SAID THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RENT SUPPORT PROGRAM THAT THE ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE HAD DEVELOPED TO POSSIBLY REPLACE THE EIP PROGRAM.

SAM BURGESS WAS THE FIRST TO SPEAK AND GAVE SOME BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM. HE SAID THE EIP WAS A GREAT BOON TO DOWNTOWN CARROLLTON, AND THE DECISION TO FREEZE THE EIP ORDINANCE HAS HURT DOWNTOWN. HE SAID THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE EIP. HE FEELS THE FACADE PORTION IS STILL NEEDED. OUR EIP WAS A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE STATE.

COUNCILMAN GORDON ASKED MR. BURGESS HOW A MENTOR WOULD BE CHOSEN. HE SAID THROUGH VOLUNTEERS. HE SAID THERE WERE MANY QUALIFIED ON THE COMMITTEE THAT COULD SERVE AS A MENTOR. COUNCILMAN GORDON SAID HE LIKED THE ASPECT OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. JOHN WELCH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THAT. MR. BURGESS SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE AN ORDINANCE REGARDING VACANT DWELLINGS THAT ARE NOT RENTABLE.

CARA LONG SPOKE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MAYBE AMENDING THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO PURCHASE A BUILDING RATHER THAN RENT.

GARY MATHIS POINTED OUT THAT FOR SOMEONE TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE A BUSINESS PLAN.

JIM FOTHERGILL SAID THAT WHEN BILL WELTY WAS MAYOR HE WAS ASKED TO COME UP WITH AN ENTERPRISE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. HE, ALONG WITH SOME OTHERS, CAME UP WITH THE PRESENT PLAN. BUT THEY ALWAYS HAD THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF SOMETHING BETTER COMES ALONG THEN THEY SOULD GO ALONG WITH IT. HE SAID THIS SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PLAN.

SAM BURGESS THANKED THE CITY FOR THE NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWNTOWN, AND COMMENTED THEY LOOK WONDERFUL.

MAYOR ADAMS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER, POSSIBLY THE WEEK OF 12/11/17 AT 6:00.

ADJOURNMENT

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILMAN HILL AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE
HOUR OF 8:35 P.M.**

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ATTEST:

ROBB W. ADAMS, MAYOR

LEATHA S. GRIMES, CITY CLERK-TREASURER