

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
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ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 22, 2018

5:30 pm

Present: Mayor Feldman, Councilmember Tveit, Councilmember Skordahl, Councilmember Bauer, and Councilmember Muehlbauer

Also present: City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, City Attorney Dave Schaps, Paul Keenan with Roers Development,

1) East Shop Site Discussion

Paul Keenan of Roers Development explained that they are the developer/owner, and they have a partnership with Walker Methodist. They have put in an offer to purchase a city owned site right off of Bridge Street by the Rum River for a senior living building. They would like to purchase the property, get through the public approvals this fall, and begin building in the spring of 2019. This will be a 3-4 story building with a pitched roof and will consist of 70 - 85 units. Their parking lot will be used as a buffer between their building and Casey's, which also gives them a nice frontage along Bridge Street. They like this site because of the visibility on Bridge Street and the Rum River gives it a great amenity with the walking trails that they could connect this site to for their residents to be active.

Mayor Feldman asked if the developer could foresee any problems about the shared driveway with Casey's.

Keenan said that it provides a nice buffer between their site and it could get difficult to get a curb cut closer to the bridge. He is still exploring a possible access behind Casey's. Casey's owns quite a bit of land and may be willing to part with some of it. That would be an option to reduce traffic.

Tveit is concerned that this building is going to be 3-4 stories tall and whether we have access as far as fire protection equipment. He wants to make sure that our fire department is equipped to protect this building.

City Administrator Kohlmann explained the terms of the offer from Roers Development for the purchase of the property.

Council agreed that this is a good location for this facility and it would bring a lot of revenue into St. Francis, and that they all give it a green light to move forward.

Kohlmann stated that staff can get working on some language and incorporate it into the offer that Roers Development sent them and bring back a draft by the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

2) Other Business

Kohlmann informed Council of a lady that came into the office with the draft letter that Community Development Director Thunstrom once proposed as a discussion piece to the City Council about sending it out to septic tank owners telling them to make sure their information is up to date. This letter was never sent out. It was in a packet and someone printed it off the internet, put it in an envelope and stuck it in this ladies mailbox. She came into the city office to try and pay the fee.

Kohlmann hopes this is a one time issue but we may have an army of people coming in trying to pay on a letter that we never sent out.

Mayor Feldman suggested using social media such as the city's website and Facebook page and/or the police department's to notify people if they get this document that it was not anything from the city.

The consensus was that they would wait and see if they get any more before publicizing it on social media.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

  
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