



Special Council Work Session
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Special Council Work session for February 27, 2024 at 5:36 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Jeff Barr, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Chris Hermann - City Planner/MKSK, Heather Green - Design Review Board, Andrew Hale - Design Review Board, Kristen Hurst - Planning Commission, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Andrea Coppel

3. MKSK discussion on Design Review

Chris Hermann with MKSK was present for follow up discussion from his Design Guidelines Overview presentation given at the February 20, 2024 council meeting. Focus on the "Next Steps":

- A. Create a Committee
- B. Assessment of existing buildings and architecture
- C. Assessment of Johnstown Character defining elements
- D. Detailed review of other community guidelines
- E. Review and refine Johnstown approach
- F. Revise Guidelines

Discussion on formation of the Steering Committee; discussion on how many and who. Council members discussed appointing members as follows:

Dave Selan - Council
Tiffany Hollis - Council
Heather Green - Design Review Board
Josh Harrison - Design Review Board
Jesse Coppel - Planning Commission
Andrea Coppel - Johnstown Chamber
Kyle Cook - Historical Society
Andrew Hale - Design Review Board
Other community members

The time commitment will be approximately eight meetings, decision to advertise for citizen interest.

Discussion on geography and areas of emphasis for Design Review. Historic District

discussed as Croton Road to Caswell and Track to Williams (width). Corridor District discussion on being the balance.

Discussion on the level of detail and requirements, how to give structure and guardrails to get what is wanted without going overboard.

Direction to open Steering Committee to applicants, deadline is March 8th.

4. Tax Proposal discussion

Mr. Barnard provided current tax information from RITA along with different calculations for increased tax rates and credit amounts to consider. He also provided a comparison of other city rates and credits given.

Information will be considered at the March 5, 2024 Finance Committee meeting.

5. Other Business

1. Bob Orsini asked about the bike path/pedestrian crossing question by a resident at last meeting. Mr. Barnard said the city did put pedestrian crossing signs on Concord for a short time, however the TJ Evans Foundation was not in favor, they do not want cars stopping for bike path users crossing the roads because no other place on the path do cars stop for pedestrians. Pedestrians need to be conditioned to stop for traffic and cross safely, there are stop signs for pedestrians at the crossing. Asked about the city building space, discussion on utilizing space effectively.

2. Jeff Barr asked when they should expect the development proposal for the PD district. Ryan Green said six months to a year. Discussion on what the park land requirements were for the PD district.

6. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next Council Meeting March 5, 2024