

Public Comment Item M.

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM

By: David Nelson

Please attach this document as an addendum to the meeting.

Item M - General Public Comments

A. Resident Academy

I've been attending the Resident Academy on Weds nights 6-8pm for the past 5 weeks with 14 other people including 3 of the new city council candidates. There are a few weeks left.

It has been amazing and totally worth my time. We have learned so much about the operation of the city hall, water, parks, streets, airport, and all of it has been interesting and informative. I am amazed at how much the city does that we don't know about.

I wholly endorse it and recommend it for anyone that wants to learn about the city so watch for it to be offered again in the future.

Lastly, I want to give my thanks to Shonna, Chris, all the city managers and staff that have given their time on Weds evenings to talk with us and answer all of our questions.

B. Campaign Signs & Endorsements

There are some campaign signs attached to the fence at 4th and Pine St on County or City property. I'm bringing it up here as a reminder to all candidates for you AND your team to know and follow all the rules in the binder that Melissa and her office have prepared for you. You need to know where all your signs are so you can remove them by the deadline.

So, all candidates, please check all your signs and inform your team

Also, It has come to my attention that some prominent endorsements on some candidates sites were not given. I won't name them now, but **I ask that all candidates verify all of your listed endorsers.**

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C. Employee and 30 Parking Study

Referring to Aug 20 City Council meeting, Item Q1 Discussion Item (Q)(1) Potential Modifications to the Downtown Employee Monthly Permit Parking and Short-Term Spaces

At that meeting I submitted my informal polling and made recommendations intended to take the least effort with the most positive impact. There was discussion and the council liked the idea of getting more feedback from business owners and employees.

The issue was referred back to City Staff to get more feedback from business owners and employees. Also for Chief Nord to report back on light enforcement of these.

The Acting City Mgr, Chris Huot, said it might take a few months to do that. I'd like to help expedite that by offering to do the work myself for free.

I will research the business owners and employees opinions, using the MainStreet Assoc member list via email and following up in-person to get responses from owners and employees. I'll consolidate the results and report back to City Staff, with my recommendations of course ;-).

I have a tentative list of the questions for Owners and one for Employees, keeping it short and simple and allowing for free form feedback.

I ask that you give me permission to proceed. Or I can proceed on my own recognizance.

D. Employee Lot Permits

As I understand it, Chief Nord turned off the employee permitting site, but there was no formal direction from the City Council or City Staff. Chief Nord can answer that.

That is limiting the use of the lots to employees with annual permits that are still valid. This leaves most employees to find parking elsewhere and is building possibly bad habits.

I believe this web site should already be active, according to the current municipal code.

I would like the City Council or City Manager to direct that to be turned back on immediately so that we can get as many employees out of the public retail spaces as possible. It would be at the \$5/mo written in the municipal code.

I ask that the City Manager direct that the Employee permit site be turned back on, or the City Council make a motion to direct City Staff to do that now.