

downtown business group's logo. Ms. Solis said it was very similar. Mayor Schroeder said they could look at something to be in-line with them. The recommendation was to go to HLC and P & Z for approval first. Councilmember Lee did not want to use the stork design, but to look at other images such as the St. Louis Church, Alsatian Dancers, or one of the other landmarks in town. Councilmember Merz liked the official city seal image, not the "challenge coin" design. Councilmember King disagreed with Councilmember Lee and said the stork was part of the Alsace culture but was not in favor of the stork drawing shown, but with a better image could go hand in hand with the current wayfinding signage. Mr. King thought it would be a good idea for the Historic Preservation Officer to review during the process. Mayor Schroeder felt the Castroville Conservation Society should be invited to review. Councilmember Martinez said she had also been confused about the bird and did like the idea of the Alsatian Dancers or another landmark. Ms. Martinez said the city could use the city seal and have the stork as a sub-sign. Councilmember Marchman suggested adding a QR Code to the new signs. No action was taken.

Mayor Schroeder reopened the citizens' comments to allow board application Julianna Renner-Ramirez to give a brief introduction of herself to be considered for a position on the Library Advisory Board. The agenda wording for discussion on her application for Library Advisory Board had inadvertently been left off. This allowed her to introduce herself, and be considered at the following meeting for a position. Ms. Renner-Ramirez introduced herself and gave a brief background on her education and love for the library.

b. Discussion and appropriate action on continuing the Simple City contract for the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Mayor Schroeder briefed the city council on the hiring of Simplecity and the city working with them on the Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and the Unified Development Ordinance. City Administrator Scott Dixon said the contract with Simplecity was over budget and staff was trying to get a time line of when the UDO would be ready for adoption. Mr. Dixon said the city council and P & Z had met several times separate and together with multiple public hearings and community meetings. Mr. Dixon said the contract was for \$500,000 and expenditures had reached \$520,374.00 that was approximately 5% of the contracted amount. Mr. Dixon said the concerns was the city still needed to get the finished document and if the city council wished to cancel the contract staff would need to receive the hosted documents, and build a website for the public to review, but staff would need to still have a consultant for answers staff could not provide. Mr. Dixon said they could finish out on a task order basis with hourly rates or look at a limit with cost estimate. Councilmember Marchman felt some of the additional charges might be from time spent correcting Simplecity mistakes found by city council or members of the P & Z and should not be charged to the city. Mr. Marchman said he felt Mr. Lewis had been disrespectful to the citizens during the community meetings and the city should have a credit not owe anything. Mr. Dixon said he would go back and do the research and contact them. Councilmember Martinez asked why the contract and overages had not came back to city council before now. Mr. Dixon said the contract went out in December and that was when the overages occurred. Mr. Dixon said he could approve up to \$25,000 and was now bringing back for council direction since it did not look to be finalized and being more. Mayor Schroeder said the additional interactions had added to the cost. Councilmember King agreed with Councilmember Marchman on his observation and had spoken with

Mr. Lewis on his attitude in the past. Mr. King felt it would be a disaster if the city stopped the process now, it needed to be finished. Mr. King recommended going back to Simplecity and looking at the cost to finish. Councilmember Merz said the city council gave Mr. Dixon the authority to approve up to \$25,000 and the overages were caused by the city council, not Simplecity. Mr. Merz said the additional meetings and comment periods had contributed to the overages. Mr. Merz was in favor of paying the incurred costs and if not finishing soon, paying the supplied 'a la carte' rates. Councilmember Martinez said she just wanted information ahead of time. Councilmember Lee was not in favor of continuing the contract without more information.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marchman and duly seconded by Councilmember Martinez to deny the contract extension.

Councilmember Lee asked for more discussion before the vote was taken. Mr. Lee suggested getting more information on what was needed to complete the document. Councilmember Marchman recommended Mr. Dixon to go back and negotiate the fees and the final cost. Councilmember Merz agreed on finding out cost of close out and any additional cost for approved directives. The city council gave direction to Mr. Dixon to speak with Simplecity and negotiate the costs. Mr. Dixon asked if the city council wanted Simplecity to come to the P & Z meeting the next evening as first planned. Mr. Dixon's concern was if they did not come there could be questions staff could not answer. City Council did not want Simplecity attending the next evening.

Councilmember Marchman agreed to resend his motion to deny, instead to direct staff to negotiate the fees. Councilmember Martinez agreed to resend her second. No other action was taken.

c. Consider and take appropriate action on an application submitted for an open seat on the Historic Landmark Commission

City Secretary Debra Howe briefed the city council on the application submitted by Mary King for the open position on the HLC Board. Ms. Howe said Ms. King had submitted her application back in September when a position was open and city council had chosen Lori Marchman and her application had been kept for a future opening. Ms. Howe said she was still interested in being on the board. Mayor Schroeder said this would be considered at the next meeting.

X. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

No items were discussed.

XI. Adjourn

Mayor Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Darrin Schroeder
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Howe
City Secretary