

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JULY 27, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

The workshop of the Fruita City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Kincaid. City Council members present were Councilors Karen Leonhart, Kyle Harvey, Heather O'Brien, Lori Buck and Matthew Breman. Councilor Ken Kreie was excused absent.

City staff present were City Manager Mike Bennett, Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Vassen, Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods and Planning & Development Director Dan Caris.

There was one member of the public also present in the audience.

1. 2022 BUDGET CALENDAR AND PROCESS

STAFF PRESENTATION

City Manager Mike Bennett explained that staff was proposing a draft of the 2022 Budget Presentations Calendar for upcoming City Council meetings. The 2022 Budget presentation and overview will be presented to the Council at the September 28, 2021 Council workshop and additional information will be presented on various components of the Budget at subsequent Council meetings pursuant to the proposed budget calendar.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The City Council had no questions, but Councilor Breman advised that he would most likely be absent from the August 31st workshop as he has to pick up his son from the airport.

- 2. PROCLAMATION REQUEST DISCUSSION – PROCLAIMING AUGUST 21, 2021 AS “ELLEN V. ROBERTS DAY” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA IN RECOGNITION OF ELLEN FOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY (TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING)**
- 3. PROCLAMATION REQUEST DISCUSSION – PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2 – 8, 2021 AS THE “4TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO BE ACCEPTED BY CARLENE GOLDTHWAITE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND VALLEY INTERFAITH NETWORK (TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 3, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING) (ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

PRESENTATION

City staff has the two above Proclamation requests for the upcoming Council meetings of August 3rd and August 17th. The Council previously directed staff to place requests for Proclamations on agendas for workshop meetings so that they may be approved by the Council prior to the issuance and presenting of them at regular Council meetings.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

No Council members expressed any objections to the two Proclamation requests.

4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISCUSSION

PRESENTATION

Planning & Development Director Dan Caris reviewed three traditional affordable housing strategies that have been utilized by Colorado communities and the pros and cons for each. Council discussed and asked questions about funding, timing, impact, and other various policy questions surrounding the affordable housing topic.

Staff has been doing a lot of research with the goal of seeking alternatives for the City to contribute to creating reduced-income housing for the needs of a workforce population.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There was discussion of a potential option to pursue a particular policy and programmatic framework. The Council directed staff to bring back the policy in written form and put a working group together.

Next steps – The Planning Department will reach out to development community and others to formulate a committee who will likely be appointed by Council.

5. OTHER ITEMS

There was a reminder from Mr. Bennett that the City's Engineering Department would be hosting two Open Houses to get public input on the City's Traffic Circulation Plan. The first will be held at Civic Center Memorial Park on Friday, July 30th beginning at 5:30 and the second on Saturday, July 31st at Reed Park during the Fruita Farmers' Market.

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Woods
Deputy City Clerk