

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

Commission members present: Aids Bartz, Board, Smith, Wetzel Comm'r Thompson

City Employees present:

Park and Rec. Director Kristine Butteris

Park Maintenance Director Jeff Doyle

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30

2. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Planning Task Force minutes from October 24, 2023

Motion to approve Ald Board

2nd Comm'r Thompson

Carried by unanimous voice vote

B. Review and Approve: Public Works minutes from November 28, 2023

Motion to approve Ald Bartz

2nd Ald Board

Carried by unanimous voice vote

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and take possible action: Weed Ordinance Appeal for Tristan Higgins

Tristan Higgins and a neighbor spoke in favor of forgiving the fine.

Ald Smith asked if registered letters are sent.

Doyle excel sheet kept.

Butteris explained that there are not many appeals

Ald Smith asked if second mailing is sent

Butteris stated that the original letter states that the original letter is sufficient for the entire season

Comm'r Thompson asked if Doyle made a second trip to see the property

Doyle said that he has and that the only real problem is only the larger tree remains and that the rest of the yard looks good.

Ald Smith commended the City for doing a reasonable job keeping the City looking good and neighborly.

Mr. Higgins was commended for the work on his yard to make the sidewalk passable.

Motion by Ald Smith to forgive the \$500 fee

2nd Ald Bartz

Carried by unanimous voice vote

B. Review and take possible action: Weed Ordinance Appeal for ADY Ventures, LLC

Joe Bruns was present on behalf of ADY Ventures

Butteris stated that there were 59 weed ordinance complaints this year. This property received three and one last year.

Ald Board asked how many times it was mowed since July Mr. Bruns thought 3-4

Ald Bartz asked what it will take to not receive any complaints next year

Bruns will have to be more diligent next year

Ald Board asked if he is the only mower

Bruns yes

Ald Smith stated that the weed ordinance letter sent by the city is not onerous. Going forward the letter should "kick" in your responsibility to mow.

Motion by Ald Smith to deny the request to forgive the fine

2nd Ald. Bartz

Motion made by Ald Wetzel to amend by reducing fine to \$250

2nd Ald Board

Motion carried 3-2 (Bartz, Board, Wetzel/Smith Thompson)

Original motion (with amendment) passed by unanimous voice vote

C. Review and take possible action: Weed Ordinance Appeal for Lawrence McLaren

Mr. McLaren did not appear for his petition therefore his petition was denied.

Ald Smith expressed concern about "trusting" technology for people to show up to meetings virtually and wanted to make sure the person has ample time/opportunity to appeal before the commission.

Motion to deny petition Ald Smith

2nd Comm'r Thompson

Carried by unanimous voice vote

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Ald Bartz at 6:36

2nd Board

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wetzel

Public Works Commission Chair

Note: These minutes are uncorrected and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.