

Minutes
Mayor and City Council Work Session
Tuesday, January 29, 2004
7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Mayor Bryan Knedler, Council member Carol Gandee, Council Member Intisar Haamid, Council Member Malinda Miles, Council Member Pedro Briones, and City Manager Jeannelle Wallace.

Discussion Item A:
Personnel Policy

The personnel Policy has to be reviewed for problems that need corrections. Council Member Malinda Miles will work with the City Manager to draft a final version.

Discussion Item B:
Urban Renewal Plan

The Council reviewed the Urban Renewal Plan and has received more documents to review. Nick Francis from Gateway CDC submitted a letter to the committee with a few questions that need to be clearly answered and they will be answered within two weeks time. The decision to adopt the Urban Renewal Plan will be made when all questions are answered.

Discussion Item C:
The Van Hollen Request

The Mayor and Council had a discussion at the previous meeting on the funds that will be needed to continue with future projects. The projects were prioritized in the order in which is most critical. (1) Varnum Street in estimated price \$150,000.00, (2) Rhode Island Avenue and 34th Streetscape estimated price \$50,000.00, (3) Youth Programs, Skate Park (\$35,000.00), Supervised teen Center (\$50,000.00) estimated price \$85,000.00, (4) Municipal Parking lot estimated price \$100,000.00, (5) Renovations at 3601 Bunker Hill Road estimated price \$50,000.00. The prioritized list will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Discussion Item D:
Search Committee

Council Member Haamid would like to create a search committee to help the City Manager with new hires. There duties would be to review resumes and interviewing candidates. This will give the city the opportunity to hire people who they think will get the job done.