



SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty, Vice President Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman April R. Jackson, Councilwoman Michelle R. Gregory, Councilwoman Sharon C. Dashiell, Mayor Randy Taylor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council convened in Legislative Session on January 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Government Office Building Council Chambers, Room 301, located at 125 N. Division Street. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, President Doughty reviewed the emergency exit instructions.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Doughty presented the meeting agenda and called for a motion and a second to approve the special legislative agenda as presented. Ms. Blake motioned, Ms. Gregory seconded and the agenda was approved by a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Clerk Julie English

- **Ordinance No. 2909** – Council reconsideration after veto – amending Section 17.24.040 to increase the inherent density permitted for the development and redevelopment of property located in the Central Business District

President Doughty entertained a motion to reconsider the veto and approve Ordinance No. 2909 as originally adopted. Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Blake seconded.

Ms. Dashiell explained that her reasoning for vetoing the Ordinance was more than just density. The other reasons were lack of parking, traffic issues, jobs and no attainable housing. She wanted more information before it was passed.

Ordinance No. 2909 was approved with a 4-1 vote. Ms. Dashiell voted nay.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

- Speaker #1 was disgusted with the council because they were not looking out for the taxpayers.
- Speaker #2 thanked the council for passing the ordinance. She explained that she was disappointed at the behaviors in the meeting.
- Speaker #3 believed she had not been heard and had filed a complaint with her attorney.
- Speaker #4 did not think it was appropriate to vote on an ordinance when homework had not been done on the topic.
- Speaker #5 thanked the council for representing their districts and stated that the reasoning the Mayor did not want a density increase was because he did not want competition.
- Speaker #6 expressed that public comment should have taken place before they voted. He added that if there was no faith in the Department of Infrastructure team then why are taxpayer's dollars being wasted.
- Speaker #7 thanked council for overriding the veto and gave statistics of other cities that had brought in development to lower the rent prices.
- Speaker #8 did not think parking was the biggest issue. He stated that doubling the density would be a safety concern. He added that the vacant areas downtown should be filled first.
- Speaker #9 thanked Mayor Taylor for his due diligence in getting an understanding of what the whole matter was about.
- Speaker #10 expressed that he would like to hear Ms. Jackson's reasoning for her change in vote.
- Speaker #11 was discouraged knowing that the vote was already a done deal at the Planning and Zoning meeting and questioned why President Doughty did not recuse himself from the vote due to his employment.

ADJOURNMENT/CONVENE IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

After a brief recess, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


City Clerk



Council President