

December 5, 2016, City Council Meeting - Questions, Requests, Comments

<u>Person</u> <u>Asked/Commented</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Question, Request, Comment</u>
Fred Bryant (17620 Bayberry Drive)		Ferrysburg Nature Preserve (FNP)	Why the FNP was brought up was due to the upcoming major expenses that the City is facing.
Ed Royce (17700 Navaho Drive)		City Finances	Does the City have the money to do the upcoming projects this year? City Manager Bessinger stated that will not know how much the City will have to pay on Smith's bridge replacement until 2019. He also stated that the City does not have the money to do all the projects this year.
Ed Royce		Council Member Kennedy	Council Member Kennedy lead the discussion on the sale of the FNP. Why would she mislead people?
Heather Hawley (17915 Mohawk Drive)		City Finances	City Manager Bessinger was asked when does he ask for money? City Manager Bessinger stated that the money is appropriated when the budget is approved in May/June.
Heather Hawley		City Council Members	Can City Council members explore revenue ideas without being asked?
Heather Hawley		Council Member Kennedy	Council Member Kennedy is breaking the ethical statues.
Heather Hawley		City Council Members	Ms. Hawley asked each City Council member if they solicit bids.
Martin Alexander (17830 Cherokee Drive)		FNP	Would like to see the FNP removed from discussion and a resolution to not sell the park now or in the future.
Martin Alexander		City Budget	The City needs to budget into the future so that taxes do not need to be raised.
Sandy Tuggle (17939 Dogwood Drive)		FNP	This is the third time that residents have asked for the FNP to not be sold.
Sandy Tuggle		FNP	Council Member Kennedy talked about selling the FNP at the September 1 Planning Commission meeting.
Terry Billman		FNP	He would pay more in taxes to keep the FNP.
Linda Norton (857 Randall Road, Mkg)		FNP	Public input is critical in making decisions. The citizens want to be involved.
Ivy Barnes (19121 Maiden Lane)		Ottawa Sand property	Is there any development plans for the Ottawa Sand property? City Manager Bessinger stated that it is private property and the City has not heard or seen any plans for development.
Lisa Royce (17700 Navaho Drive)		FNP	Asked if there was any there that wants to sell the FNP? No one replied.
Lisa Royce		FNP	She has received comments from John Nash (SLT) that he does not want to see the FNP sold.

Lisa Royce	FNP	When will a resolution be considered? Mayor Ruitter stated that it would not consider that until after another work session on the FNP.
Lisa Royce	Council Member Kennedy	Council Member Kennedy should be taken off the Planning Commission.
Council Member Sjoberg	Ethics	If you don't know about the ethics policy then you should learn it.
Council Member Sjoberg	City Council Members	City Council Members should not be giving special favors or promises.
Council Member Sjoberg	Open Meeting Act	City Council Members should not be discussing things unless they are in a public meeting.
Council Member Sjoberg	Council Member Kennedy	Is Council Member Kennedy doing misconduct or is she just clueless.
Ed Royce	City Council Members	Would like to thank the City Council Members for all that they do.
Ed Royce	FNP	Would like to see a resolution considered at the work session on the FNP.
Council Member Twa	Virginia Street	Virginia Street was worked on this week so we will have to see with the next rain if the repairs work.
Council Member Hopp	Holiday Party	Would like to thank the staff for the great holiday party.
Council Member Sjoberg	Master Plan	Would like to see the Master Plan align with the City Code when the Planning Commission reviews it.
Council Member Kennedy	Carol Sing	The Christmas Carol Sing will be on Saturday, December 10 at Wm. Ferry Park 6 pm.
Council Member O'Donnell	Fire Department	The fire department was very successful in the collection for Crusade for Toys.
Mayor Ruitter	FNP	Would like to have a work session for the FNP on the January 16 City Council agenda.
Council Member DeWitt	Headlee	Would like to have a work session on the Headlee Amendment.