

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 8th day of August 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Interim Administrator Davidson; Interim Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Hamilton, Hloucal, Pitlick and Wilde; GPA Manager Harder; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Others present were Chairman Bell, Commissioners Christensen and Shober; Mayor Kingan and Councilman Schrader from the Town of Wright; and County staff Palmer and Seeger.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Montgomery reported on the Congressional Tour.

College Funding Discussion

Mayor Carter-King informed the group that this meeting is to determine whether a Resolution for the imposition of an economic development excise tax of .25%, should be placed on the City Council's August 15th agenda for consideration. Interim Administrator Davidson provided an explanation regarding the draft Resolution. He added that a copy of the draft Resolution was provided to the Town of Wright and the County Commissioners. Chairman Bell stated that this is an opportunity for the public to vote whether they want to support a .25% tax increase at a special election on November 7, 2017. Commissioners Christensen and Shober, as well as several others from the audience, spoke to the Council of their support. Council expressed concern that by increasing the tax by .25%, it would place the 1% tax in jeopardy. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place the Resolution for the imposition of an economic development excise tax of .25% on the August 15th agenda for consideration.

Executive Session

Councilman Carsrud made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel; seconded by Councilman McGrath. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor