

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Present: W. Carlson, S. Lamb, K. Kolodge, S. Langley, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Absent: D. Koski

Staff: Reeves, Klassen, Peterson, Hansen

Twin Ports Joyride Discussion

Commander Carey Ferrell, Sara Buhs and Jeff Hanson were present to the concept of the Twin Ports Joyride program. Cloquet has recently started to take part by getting local establishments involved by giving taxi vouchers to intoxicated individuals to get home safely.

Ms. Buhs stated that people are now aware of the program and are using it. Local establishments were excited about participating and being proactive in getting people home safely.

An overview of the program and how it works for bar owners was given. The ultimate goal is to get impaired drivers off the road. The bars purchase ride tickets, give to patrons who then turn them into the cab driver and get a ride home. The cab company turns in the tickets for reimbursement.

Conversation took place on how to collect data on where the riders are coming from and if there's a way to be proactive on overserving.

Looking at it as a community outreach and do prevention. Discussion on how the money is paid from Joyride.

Public Works Department Update

Caleb Peterson, Public Works Director reviewed the different divisions of the department and their responsibilities. Mr. Peterson broke down the amount of infrastructure contained within the Public Works Department making it the largest department with the largest budget. Mr. Peterson next explained the responsibilities within those divisions. Finally, an explanation of department priorities as well as a review of the 2018 projects.

Community Development

Holly Hansen, Community Development Director gave a summary of the department and responsibilities of each. The divisions include Building and Housing Code Inspections/Enforcement, Planning, Zoning and Subdivision of Land, and Economic Development and all City/EDA programs.

Ms. Hansen would like the Council to consider discussing the recommendation of the EDA to exempt private economic development projects such as housing, commercial and industrial; discuss support of rental inspections and housing inspector position; and creating a vacant building registry for residential and commercial/industrial buildings.

Other Discussion

City Administrator Reeves stated after the Council has heard all department presentations, they will have the opportunity to discuss their goals and priorities at a future Work Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves
City Administrator