KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2023 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:34 p.m. Council members present were: Ronald Fenstermaker, Suzanne Grazia, Scott Haymer, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Eric Ziegler. Absent: Richard Lowery.

Mayor Kevin Potter, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Police Chief Brian McCallister, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton, Senior Center Coordinator Teresa Szary and Economic Development Director Eddy Eckart were also in attendance.

Mayor Potter noted that Resolution 23-R-43 is on Third Reading; this relates to standards of conduct for elected officials and coincides with the citywide policies being put into place. This gives Council an opportunity to set something in place for elected officials. He noted that Resolution 23-R-46 is on Second Reading pertaining to authorizing bids for the solid waste contract. Mr. Fornaro requested that Council adopt this Resolution tonight.

With regard to New Business, Mayor Potter said that Resolution 23-R-51 memorializes Council's motion relating to the meeting date change from July 3 to July 5. Resolution 23-R-52 relates to the Fox Hill drainage project and decreases the contract amount by almost \$4,000. He noted that Ordinance 23-O-53 relates to the application for rezoning of a parcel to single-family residential and placing it on the ballot. Mr. Courtney confirmed that it is a challenging piece of property and he doubts it could be developed under its current zoning of Institutional Office District. Mr. Smolic noted the property will be accessed through Mentor, but will be located in Kirtland and pay taxes to Kirtland.

Eddy Eckart advised that meetings are continuing regarding the potential development of the City Hall property. He noted that he, the Mayor and Councilman Fenstermaker have met with several members of the public. They will talk with the developer regarding initial reception to the general plan and scheduling more public meetings.

With regard to this potential development and other potential development, Mr. Eckart said he has begun reaching out to local agencies and the County to start ascertaining resources for infrastructure necessities, and to come up with a plan for moving forward. He noted the importance of leveraging any new development to better connect the existing assets. He is reaching out to NOACA so that Federal agencies will be aware of what will be coming.

Referring to the two meetings that have been held regarding the potential development of the City Hall property, Councilman Fenstermaker asked if information has been made available at the Community Center. Mayor Potter advised that he will be meeting with a group of seniors next Monday. He noted that at the next meeting with the potential developer, the City will pass along some of the items discussed at the recent meetings. Brief discussion ensued.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon the consensus of Council.

President of Council