

Work Session Summary

Highlights of Council Work Session Discussions/Recommendations



WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM
5555 PERIMETER DRIVE
DUBLIN, OH 43017

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Alutto, Ms. Amorose Groomes, Vice Mayor De Rosa, Mayor Fox, Mr. Reiner, Mr. Keeler and Ms. Kramb.

Discussion Topic(s):

- Renewable Solar Energy Equipment Update
Update provided of the research that has been done by staff regarding the following:
 - HOA's versus Civic Associations;
 - Solar Benchmarking among other cities;
 - Solar technologies;
 - Configuration and front façade; and
 - Building or Roof Mounted equipment.

Staff provided Council with the following discussion questions:

1. *What additional modifications or information is needed prior to moving the proposed Code language forward for adoption?* Council provided feedback asking for clarifying language as to the objective of the Code and explaining the intention of Council. Feedback was given regarding the importance of aesthetics to be incorporated into the language.
2. *Does Council support modifying the Code based on the draft language that "Panels shall be permitted to be installed on roof surfaces which do not slope towards the front property line"?* Discussion was held regarding the difficulty determining what is the front on some properties. Discussion was also held regarding the importance of maintaining the visual aesthetics of neighborhoods. Council offered some wording suggestions regarding the language to clarify what is allowed.
3. *Does Council support modifications to these existing districts for BSD, WID, MUR-1, HD, and Tech Flex to ensure consistency amongst the regulations and providing restrictions regarding renewable energy equipment for solar as a*

principal use? Council consensus was the existing five districts should be consistent in their regulations.

4. *Does Council support staff's recommendation to review the adopted language following adoption of the Sustainability Framework to evaluate its effectiveness?*

Yes. Council consensus was to move forward with the adoption of Code language and then evaluate the language after the adoption of the Sustainability Framework.

Next Steps: Council consensus was to have staff bring the Ordinance back to Council with the feedback incorporated.

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Consultants provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft (Plan).

1. *What is Council's feedback regarding the strategies and tactics outlined in the draft parks and recreation master plan?*

Discussion was held regarding:

- The desire for the Plan to incorporate the Housing Study that was just done and the projected population numbers;
- Acknowledgement of the expansive school district boundaries;
- The importance of maintenance of what we currently have; and
- Finding smaller projects that could be either implemented at a current park or brought to fruition quickly.

2. *What is Council's feedback regarding the proposed major projects? Does Council have feedback regarding the priority for implementation of the major projects?*

Sports fields were mentioned by several as a project that rises to the top in importance. Discussion was also held regarding the Dublin Community Recreation Center refresh and looking at a possible expansion. An aquatics facility is the desire of many in the community so it needs to be explored. Connecting the bike paths was suggested as well as the potential of combining smaller projects together on property that we already own.

3. *Are there additional opportunities or challenges that Council would have considered as part of the draft parks and recreation master plan?*

Discussion was held regarding adding additional public art, health and wellness activities and activating areas we have with fun activities and

education opportunities.

Next Steps: The study will come back to Council for review under "Other Business" at a Council meeting. Staff will provide a list of major projects, but add clarifying language that specifies that they are potential projects and not planned projects. Staff will also note the projects that would need a feasibility study. Discussion was held regarding the CIP process and how projects will be revisited as opportunities for implementation arise.

Adjournment – 8:32 p.m.