

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022
6:30PM, Temple Senior Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Michael Johnson.
Council Members present: Richard Bracknell, Howard Walden, Tom Wallace
Council Members absent: Hiley Miller, Casey Russom

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Michael Johnson

Approve the published agenda of this date's City Council meeting, as presented:

There was a motion to approve the published agenda by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:

July 11, 2022 Council Meeting (tabled from the August 1st meeting)

There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell.
Vote 3-0.

August 1, 2022 Council Meeting

There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell.
Vote 3-0.

August 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell.
Vote 3-0.

August 29, 2022 Special Called Meeting

There was a motion to approve by Council Member Walden, second by Council Member Bracknell.
Vote 3-0.

Public Comments – Mayor Johnson explained that if anyone was present to speak about the request from Inline Communities for approval of the preliminary plat, they would have the opportunity to speak for or against that during the public hearing. There was no one present that wanted to make a public comment.

Announcements:

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that GFL is no longer doing recycling for the City and they will be picking up the bins on Thursday and Friday of this week. GMA will have their fall district 4 meeting on September 29th in Concord Georgia. If anyone is interested in going, please let the City Clerk know. The submission of the ARPA application was done on September 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hold a public hearing and then consider taking action on the request from Inline Communities for approval of the preliminary plat for the 110.06-acre tract zoned Design Concept Development (DCD), with frontage on Georgia Highway 113 (Johnson Street) and Asbury Road

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. The City Attorney, Chris Jackson, explained that the applicant would have ten minutes to present, then the side opposing this request would have ten minutes, where each person could speak a maximum of three minutes. There would be ten minutes total for each side. The representative for Inline Communities explained that this property was zoned DCD with 175 homes, both attached and detached. He stated they have submitted everything per the City's ordinance; they received comments from the City and addressed those. Mayor Johnson asked if anyone else wanted to speak in favor of this request, there was no one else to speak in favor of it.

Mayor Johnson asked if anyone was present to speak against this request. Several people were present to speak against it. Due to the time requirement, six citizens were allowed to speak.

Josie Davis (70 Westridge Drive)- She stated that she grew up in Paulding County and she still works there. She is thankful she lives in Temple. Her current role allows her to visit the schools in Paulding County; she said the over crowding in schools is real. Her daughter attends Providence, and she appreciates that she is treated as an individual, not a number; that type of recognition does not happen in Paulding. She thinks the Council is overlooking what makes Temple so special. Inline doesn't care about our community, they are here to fill their pockets and move onto the next project. They will not be around when the schools are crowded and the roads need help. I am asking that you as leaders have us grow at a slow and steady pace. Find out how much growth is acceptable with the schools and roads, etc. Put policies in place and a cap on houses. We love our community.

Gail Leggett (260 Ivey Lake Pkwy)- She is against this. The community still has subdivisions in the area that are being built out. Do we have plans for expanding our schools. When you overpopulate the schools, you lose that connection. School buses are currently running behind, kids aren't being picked up on time, what will happen later with this growth? Will there be bus drivers? What plans do you have in place to keep the infrastructure up to date? You can't control CSX, but they keep getting stuck on the tracks, traffic is already bad on Rainey Road. There has to be an improvement to the area with turn lanes or signals, she hopes that is being addressed.

Quendolyn Farley (Maplewood Drive)- She said we are in the midst of a lot of things that are developing. She said it started small, but it's growing near Maplewood on the side by East Johnson. There is a lot of traffic on that side. We are brining in more subdivisions, but there are no sidewalks. There were forms sent in the water bill a few years ago asking about changes the citizens would like to see in Temple. We filled those out, but nothing has been addressed. Trees and bushes are overgrowing into the roads, there are no sidewalks. Nothing is accessible. There are traffic jams, our roads have potholes, there has been nothing done to address the overflow.

Marie Patterson (Driver St.)- Traffic is bad for us now on Holder, Carroll and Driver, with all of the car riders to the school. This subdivision will bring even more school traffic. People can't get out of their driveway. You need to think about the community that is here and improve it. The road is caving in near the stop sign. They should fix things before more is built. The schools will be overcrowded.

Sandra Stillwell (620 Asbury)- She stated she is really against this. Sometimes it is already impossible to get on Rainey Road because the traffic is so bad. It is zoned DCD which is live, work and play and she does not believe that it meets those requirements.

Karen Simmons (Thornbury Rd.) She stated that from the bridge on Asbury it is all agricultural in that area, there is a lot of livestock. It is a very narrow, windy, road. Animals break out frequently. She is concerned that the road will not be able to handle the traffic. She said there is already overcrowding . It is a major concern that this type of volume of residential is backing up to livestock.

The applicant was given the opportunity to respond. He stated that this project is planning on extending the sidewalks to the frontage of their property along 113, with sidewalks in front of the church to the Recreation Department. He said they wanted to be close to downtown and the park to promote walkability. He stated they will be doing turn lanes and decel lanes. He stated people were questioning about the schools and the data shows that schools are not overcrowded. He feels like this is the right place for this. You can construct the sidewalks and get to downtown. He said they are doing all of the infrastructure for this. They are putting in a lift station and other infrastructure. He said it will be at least a five year build out. He feels like it will be an amazing neighborhood and the road improvements will come in early. He stated they have met all of the requirements of the plat.

Council Member Walden about the lots backing up to Asbury and if they are going to fix it where there will not be a back road. The applicant stated that anywhere there is not a proposed drive, there would be no access and that will be on the plat. Mr. Walden also asked if the street width is 26 feet with the curb. The applicant confirmed that it was.

Mayor Johnson asked if the HOA would be a requirement and what the limits be on properties that are rented out. The applicant explained that there would be an HOA and it is in the zoning conditions that the HOA documents would be set up at 5% for rentals.

Council Member Walden explained that there has been a lot of development in the past 5-6 years, but they have only approved a couple of developments. He said you are seeing developments that were approved 18-20 years ago, and at that time sidewalks were not mandatory. With the Development Code that the City has now, if this is approved, there will be sidewalks on both sides of the roads. They will also be along 113 and Asbury. This went before the planning commission to be rezoned from R-1 to DCD and they recommended approval to the Council. The developer took the preliminary plat to the planning commission and they voted to deny this. He stated that he does not understand why.

Council Member Bracknell stated that there is a grant that the City has been working on for the past year to get sidewalks; he stated that will tie a lot of this together.

Council Member Walden stated that we have a very good school system, and that we have a board that will hopefully keep up with the growth.

Mayor Johnson explained that the school system is aware and the changes will take place over multiple years.

Council Member Walden stated that if this is approved, this will be the first subdivision like this. He stated that this Council did not approve the subdivisions from years ago.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Council Member Walden asked if it would take three affirmative votes to approve this. Attorney Chris Jackson confirmed that according to the City's code, it would take three affirmative votes. If we don't take action it will be denied, and a revote could be possible in six months. Another option is to table this, and to vote on it when you have a larger percentage of the voting body present.

There was a motion to approve the preliminary plat pending engineer's comments, by Council Member Wallace, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

2. Report on plans for the City of Temple's annual Founder's Day celebration on Saturday, September 24, starting with a 4:30 p.m. parade through the downtown area and then having many community-type activities and events in the City Park before concluding with a fireworks show in the evening.

Mayor Johnson explained that the parade will begin at Temple Elementary School, it will proceed downtown, go across the tracks and end up at the Recreation Department. The Grand Marshal, who was selected by the Special Events Committee, is Jay Conaway. The festival will take place from 5:00pm until dark and there will be fireworks at dark.

3. Report on the proposed cooperative project involving the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with the City of Temple to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety adjacent to the front entrance to the United Methodist Church building on Carrollton Street (Georgia Highway 113), including routing current north-bound traffic on Georgia 113 to use the one-block Carrollton Avenue adjacent to the south side of the church site instead of using the current route on the north side of the church property to reach Sage Street (Georgia Highway 274) in the downtown area

Mayor Johnson explained that he had a meeting with Representative J. Collins and Dennis McIntyre, who is our Representative on the GDOT board. Mr. McIntyre examined what we are dealing with. GDOT will help with the repair of the sidewalks and road, and the plan is to convert Carrollton Avenue to be a one way street. The City needs to approve that idea and draft a letter to GDOT. Council Member Bracknell asked if this would require Council action. The City Attorney confirmed that it would. The Mayor said that this will be added to the agenda of the Special Called meeting which will take place after the next committess meeting.

4. Consider approval of the sealed bid of \$20,000.00 from Johnson Electrical Solutions, LLC, of Bremen for specified electrical improvements in City Recreation Department's gymnasium and office areas, with funding from the 2021 SPLOST

Recreation Director Ingrid McKinley explained that two companies came to the required meeting, but only one, Johnson Electrical, submitted a bid. City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that the capital budget includes only \$12,000 for this project. Council Member Wallace asked if this was for LED lighting, Ms. McKinley confirmed that it was. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the bid from Johnson Electrical Solutions, LCC in the amount of \$20,000 from the 2021 SPLOST, second by Council Member Wallace. Vote 3-0.

5. Amend the City of Temple's Animal Control Ordinance, which parallels the Carroll County Animal Control Ordinance, in order for the identification of the sections, paragraphs, and sub-paragraphs in this City ordinance will coincide with those in the County's ordinance, for clarity and comparability purposes.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to amend the ordinance to be parallel to Carroll County, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

6. Report concerning staff's preparation of the final proposed amendments to the City of Temple's FY2022 General Fund and Water Fund Operating Budgets

City Administrator Bill Osborne explained that he and Finance Director, Ken Abidde, have been meeting with all department heads to discuss budget amendments. He stated that the Council will take voting action on this at the October 3rd council meeting.

7. Approve the calendar for development, review, and adoption of the City of Temple's Operating and Capital budgets for Fiscal Year 2023

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to accept the calendar, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

8. Amend the City of Temple's Job Classification and Pay Scale documents for the purpose of reclassifying the position of Senior Center Food Cook.

There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to move the pay grade of the Senior Center Cook from a pay grade four to nine, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0. This motion changes the starting rate from \$10.50 an hour to \$13 starting out per hour. It was discussed that the head cook/supervisor would need to have a job description that is different from the cook and a new pay grade could be established for that position.

9. Authorize the City Administrator to have the City of Temple welcome sign in front of the Ingle's Center on Georgia 113 (Carrollton Street) repaired, refurbished, or replaced and for the cost to be paid from the Grounds/ Field/Maintenance line item in the Administration building

Council Member Bracknell explained that this was brought to the Council a few months ago. The sign is broken in pieces. There is a new outdoor sign that is illuminated; this is the welcome to Temple sign near Ingles. There was a motion by Council Member Bracknell to authorize the City Administrator to have this sign to be replaced and for the cost to be paid from the Grounds/Field Maintenance line item in the administration budget, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0.

10. Reports concerning the City Hall Expansion Project

City Clerk Kristin Etheredge explained that everyone had access to the google doc that lists all of the communication and documentation that has taken place since August regarding the expansion project. On September 13th, there will be a meeting with a representative from Howard Ray's office to discuss the items that are still outstanding on this project.

Closing Comments

Mayor Johnson explained that we recently lost Ruth Holder. She wrote at least two editions of the book of the History of Temple. You can't put a value on that. It was his privilege to work with her at Temple High School. She will be missed and we are thankful for her legacy.

Executive Session, if needed- N/A

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn by Council Member Bracknell, second by Council Member Walden. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.