

EAST BETHEL SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2014

The East Bethel City Council met on August 13, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for the Special City Council meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob DeRoche Ron Koller Tim Harrington
 Heidi Moegerle Tom Ronning

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Davis, City Administrator

1.0 The August 13, 2014, Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor DeRoche
Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 DeRoche, "I'd like to amend the agenda to add: Item 4.0: Resolutions Acknowledging the
Adopt 2014-2015 East Bethel Royalty; and, Item 5.0: Resolution for Recognition of Former
Agenda Deputy City Clerk Wendy Warren."

Moegerle made a motion to adopt the August 13, 2014, Special City Council agenda, as amended to add Item 4.0: Resolutions Acknowledging the 2014-2015 East Bethel Royalty; and, Item 5.0: Resolution for Recognition of Former Deputy City Clerk Wendy Warren. Ronning seconded.

Moegerle, "Has proper notice been given of these agenda items? Do we need to give public notice when we amend the agenda to add these?" Davis, "Not really, they're just resolutions. They are acknowledged as being part of the packet for next Wednesday."

DeRoche, "Resolutions are going to be made up for next Wednesday, at the Council meeting. So, we're not passing the resolutions, we're passing to put them on the agenda for next week. Correct Jack?" Davis, "We want to approve the resolutions so we can get them signed by all the Councilmembers here. The Royalty will be present for presentation of their plaques, which are the resolutions that are framed. If we don't do it now and get them signed, then we're going to have quite a gap in the meeting." DeRoche, "That's fine."

Ronning, "That's an interesting question though. It's been gone with...pretty much every meeting something is added to the agenda." DeRoche, "You can amend the agenda. We do that at almost every single meeting."

Moegerle, "No, I know, but it seems that we're going to pass the resolutions and do the presentation at the next meeting. So, I know that we can sign these in advance so we can facilitate getting them framed." Davis, "Actually we'll pass the resolutions at this meeting and do the presentation at the next Wednesday meeting."

DeRoche, "I'm not worried about the transparency thing." Moegerle, "I'm not either. It's just irregular." DeRoche, "So, do you accept the amendment?" Moegerle, "I do." Ronning, "Yes, she added it and I seconded it."

All in favor, motion carries unanimously.

3.0 Davis presented the staff report, noting Central Wood Products/Rivard Contracting is a
Central diverse company that provides land clearing, quality wood mulch, and tree services. In

**Wood
Products
Rezoning
Request**

conjunction with their basic services, they have expanded into the home gardening market through their Gronomics line of planters and outdoor furniture over the last six years. The Gronomics portion of their business has experienced growth at such a rate that expansion of their existing facilities is now required to meet the demands for their product.

Currently their property is split zoned with the west half along Highway 65 zoned B2 and the east half zoned R2. Neither of these zoning designations is appropriate for the existing business. Rivard’s plans to expand cannot be accomplished under either the current B2 or the R2 designation. This area needs to be rezoned to Light Industrial to eliminate the split zoning, provide flexibility for the use and development of the property, reflect the existing and proper use of the property, and to address the highest and best use of this site.

The Planning Commission approved the request and has recommended that City Council rezone this property from its B-2/R-2 zoning classification to Light Industrial at their July 22, 2014 meeting.

This was discussed at this meeting but was tabled for the August 13, 2014, Special Meeting and the requested action is to recommend approval for the rezoning of the Rivard/Central Wood Products property, PID #203 323 43 0001, at 19801 Highway 65 NE. The property consists of 33.5 acres. The current use of the property and owner is Central Wood Products. The current zoning is B-2 and R-2 and the proposed zoning is to Light Industrial.

The Planning Commission and City Staff request approval from City Council for Zoning Map Amendments to the Official Map of the City of East Bethel for this address to Light Industrial (L-I).

1. Final approval of the Zoning Map Amendments to the Official Map of the City of East Bethel is contingent of the final approval of the land use amendment to the City of East Bethel’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan by the Metropolitan Council. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Amendment will be submitted to Metropolitan Council for review upon final approval by City Council.

Moegerle made a motion to recommend and approve the rezoning of property PID #203 323 43 0001, address 19801 Highway 65 NE, commonly known as the Central Woods Products/Rivard Contracting parcel to be Light Industrial (L-I), contingent upon final approval of the Land Use Amendment by the Metropolitan Council. Koller seconded. All in favor motion carries unanimously.

**4.0
Resolutions
2014-27,
2014-28 and
2014-29
Acknowledg-
ing the
2014-2015
East Bethel
Royalty**

Davis, “There have been three resolutions proposed for approval tonight to recognize the East Bethel Royalty. Those resolutions were: Resolution 2014-27 to recognize Miss East Bethel. Resolution 2014-28 to recognize Junior Princess; and Resolution 2014-29 to recognize Little Miss East Bethel. At this time, I’d like to ask for your approval of these resolutions and at the next meeting, these recognitions will be presented to these individuals.”

DeRoche made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-27 Acknowledging the 2014-2015 East Bethel Royalty Miss East Bethel Heather Rickbeil; Resolution 2014-28 Acknowledging the 2014-2015 East Bethel Royalty Junior Princess Allisyn Hulst; and, Resolution 2014-29 Acknowledging the 2014-2015 East Bethel Royalty Little Miss Madison Hall. Koller seconded. All in favor motion carries unanimously.

5.0

Davis, “This is consideration for the Council for us to prepare a resolution for recognizing

**Direct Staff
to Prepare
Resolution of
Recognition
for Former
Deputy
City Clerk
Wendy
Warren**

Wendy Warren and to declare a “Wendy Warren Day” in East Bethel. The resolution hasn’t been prepared. I’m seeking authorization from the Council, as recommended earlier by Bob, to make this an agenda item for next Wednesday’s Council meeting.”

Moegerle made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution to honor former Deputy City Clerk Wendy Warren for her service to the City of East Bethel over her many years and to declare a “Wendy Warren Day” where she can be honored, as her health permits. Harrington seconded.

Ronning, “The only discussion, I think, that I’d have is, how do you help people understand how much she’s done? It’s not like this sort of thing is frivolous. She’s really done a lot for the City for quite a few years.” DeRoche, “We can probably do a little better description when we give her the recognition, or the award.”

Ronning, “I’m trying to attach some meaning to what we’re doing. That it’s a significant, very significant thing.” DeRoche, “Wendy has been with us eleven years, I think. Jack?” Davis, “Twelve years.” DeRoche, “Twelve years.”

Moegerle, “And that will be in the write up for the resolution that we get. If we want to add things, can we send those to you Jack?” Davis, “You sure can. Anything that you’d like to see added to it, just send it to me and we’ll see it gets incorporated.”

DeRoche, “I would agree with Tom. This being recorded and some people may not see the minutes, they may not see the agenda.” Ronning, “Yes.” DeRoche, “I know I’ve had quite a few people asking about the health of Wendy and if she’s coming back, what’s the status. When they heard that she’s no longer here, I mean, you know...”

Ronning, “In some regard, this is answering the question before it’s asked.” DeRoche, “Well, there’s twelve years of history and a lot of dedication and a lot of hours.”

All in favor motion carries unanimously.

**6.0
Adjourn**

Moegerle made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Koller seconded. All in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Submitted by:

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