

Michele McPherson

From: Rick Schwartz <RSchwartz@princetonutilities.com>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 7:59 PM
To: Michele McPherson
Subject: Re: Annexation Request

Yes indeed, this was my original offer, the city attorney wanted a limitation, I disagreed and was granted 60 day extension per my request. Your plan is perfect and requested. Thank you very much!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2021, at 4:06 PM, Michele McPherson <mmcpherson@princetonmn.org> wrote:

Rick – I will ask the City Council to table the annexation indefinitely until you provide a written request to remove it from the table. That way we don't incur additional expenses to start over, if this approach works for you.

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"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity." John F. Kennedy

From: Rick Schwartz <RSchwartz@princetonutilities.com>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Michele McPherson <mmcpherson@princetonmn.org>
Subject: RE: Annexation Request

Thank You Michele,

I think the best action right now is to pull the request of annexation 2nd reading at this time as I have several developers with different ideas. I am confident this will happen, and no one seemed to oppose at the first reading. But I want to get it right.

Todd Olin just informed me he has been exposed to covid, so the 7th is canceled and shooting for the 21st of April for study session. Keith will be in touch with everyone.

Thanks' Again,

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OPEN FORUM

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

A. Schwartz Annexation Request – Ordinance 802

Jenkins reported that Schwartz has requested this be on hold for a short time, as he has some interested parties, but they may not be interested in the entire property. Toven replied that his suggestion would be for Schwartz to withdraw his petition for annexation at this time. He feels it would be cleaner to do it that way, versus table it indefinitely. The 2nd reading of the ordinance would be denied, and then the process would be started over when he was ready to proceed.

J Gerold said since they do not know how long Schwartz would want to table it, she agrees that it could be withdrawn, and then the process started over when they are ready.

HALLIN MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:18PM. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Toven stated that he sees Schwartz trying to connect to Zoom, and it appears he is having trouble. He suggests that the Council wait a bit before making a decision on tabling or denying the ordinance until they can discuss it with Schwartz,

Walker would like to move the discussion and decision to before the bill list.

PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKERS

FYI – REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND BOARDS / COMMITTEES

A. Planning Commission Meeting of January 25, 2021

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Wine and Spirits Grant Request by the Princeton Chamber of Commerce

Kim Young wanted to begin by thanking the City of Princeton for the support it has given the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) throughout the years. From the generous grants of funding, to the in-kind gift of office space, to the general support from staff and members of the City Council. We are very grateful for the positive working relationship between the City of Princeton and the Chamber of Commerce. We are excited to continue our collaboration in 2021.

As we all know, 2020 was a challenging year. Although we were able to host only one event, we continued to support our businesses in a virtual manner. During the year, the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce:

- Hosted a Chamber Winter Gala: Celebrating businesses, nonprofits, organizations and volunteers
- Began a monthly online Chamber Check-In, which allowed businesses to come together online to check in with one another and learn from one another

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Airport Grant

B Gerold stated that this grant application is for the taxiway rehab. There may be new funding available to fund the project. Airport Engineer Bryan Jacobson cleared his schedule to talk about the scope of the project.

Jacobson said the we received some very good prices when we previously put it out for bid, but the FAA had a shortage of funds. The estimated local share of the project would be about \$125,000.

J Gerold asked if the DNR Apron that they had requested is included in this estimate. Jacobson said it is not, he removed that portion.

Walker and J Gerold said with the possibility of paying back what funds that were received in 2018, we are kind of stuck on approving this project so those funds don't need to be repaid. However, in the future, they think large projects should be scaled way back.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION, MINUS THE DNR APRON. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Ordinance 802 – Schwartz annexation – continued from earlier now that Schwartz was able to log in**

Schwartz stated that people had asked if his property was annexed into the City, so he was trying to be preemptive to take out people's concerns about it being into the city and complete that part.

Some of the developers may not want what he calls the south wildlife area. So, if he annexes all 3 PID's, the whole landscape and parcels could change depending on a developer's design. He is just asking for the freedom to move forward with the annexation, if it is tabled, it could be a 60-day time frame for those details to be worked out. He met with 2 builders today and there is a lot of interest, but would like to wait a bit before proceeding with the annexation. Since half of the process is completed, he would prefer not to start all over.

Walker asked if he wanted to pull one parcel off, or all 3. Schwartz said he doesn't know what the developer wants to do as of yet, he was just trying to be pre-emptive and get started on the annexation process. He thinks a 60-day extension for the final reading would be suitable, and if something happens between then, he can let the City know if the process can continue, or if things will change slightly.

Walker questioned if the one parcel in question could be removed. Toven said the problem with that, is the notices that went out include all 3 parcels.

WALKER MOVED TO TABLE THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 802 TO THE APRIL 8TH COUNCIL MEETING. ZIMMER SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE 4:1 HALLIN OPPOSED, THE MOTION CARRIED.