
STREETSCAPE & ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Date: Monday, April 4, 2022
Present: Chairperson Ald. Peter Jakab, Vice-Chair Ald. Michael Curiale, Shashwat Baxi, Mike Melone, Steve Mikos
Absent: Linda Lucania
Also Present: Gosia Pociecha, Hailey Nicholas
Meeting Convened at: 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Ald. Jakab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Baxi motioned to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mikos. The minutes were unanimously approved via voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Street Planters - Recommendation

Ms. Pociecha provided a recap of the prior meeting where the Streetscape Committee gave direction on the shape, color and style of planters that were desirable for the City including exploration of prairie style designs. Ms. Nicholas presented the three specific styles that were selected by the Committee comparing the sizes, materials, colors and pricing. A brief discussion on prairie style planters followed, however it was agreed that the available planters did not meet the size requirements and were too expensive. The Streetscape Committee discussed maintenance requirements including self-watering devices, who will maintain the plantings – which will be Public Works or their contractor, and if the planters are winterized and can remain in place over winter months. The Committee agreed that the Urban Vase planters would be the best choice as they are self-watering, are constructed of polyethylene material and are winterized. Specific locations of the planters were discussed including placement of various size planters in front and in the parking lot of City Hall. After brief discussion, it was agreed that all planters shall be of the same “millstone” color. It was also recommended that any existing square concrete planters shall be removed.

Motion was made by Chairperson Ald. Jakab and seconded by Mr. Melone to recommend installation of eighteen (18) Urban Vase planters (manufactured by Earth Planters) in the “millstone” color by the City Hall in locations specified by the Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee. The motion was followed by voice vote approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Future Agenda Items

Brief overview of future discussion topics included the Vision Plan and the pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson Ald. Jakab and seconded by Ald. Curiale; it carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes taken by Gosia Pociecha

Approved on September 12, 2022