

Nowthen City Council
October 16, 2023
Work Session Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pilon called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Pilon, Council Members Fladebo, Rainville, Alders and Breyen.

Also Present: Administrator Lehner, Planner Stockman, City Prosecuting Attorney Glaser, and Deputy Clerk Johnson.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BREYEN, SECONDED BY PILON TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. 5 AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

2. ADDRESS SAM CORNS CONCERNS

Mayor Pilon instructed Council Member Alders to please record any action items from tonight's meeting.

Mr. Corns came to the front to address the council with his questions and concerns. He stated he understands the "Floor Item" process but would like to know how residents are able to communicate with council members, how complaints are handled, etc.

The City Council addressed the processes with Mr. Corns.

1. Residents may always contact council members. If it is a complaint, the resident will be told to complete a complaint form with city staff.
2. The city administrator is notified of all complaints, Mr. Lehner supervises the city staff and works with all the city subcontractors. It is the Administrator's job to work with residents, staff, and subcontractors in a professional manner.
3. Complaints are handled the same. They come in, they get investigated, they get resolved or cited, and then the complaint is closed. The process has tightened up with a more detailed complaint form rather than being vague. If the resident does not comply with the code complaint, the property can be cited and assessed to property taxes.
4. Mr. Corns' complaint came in during staff transition; however, it has been closed as the resident he complained about is in compliance according to the city administrator and the code compliance officer, Planner Stockman.
5. The administrator gives weekly updates to the council; however, they will not always know every detail going on in the city. In most cases, the city council will not overturn the decision of the professional contractors and/or the city administration.
6. Much of the time, complaints do not escalate to the level this has with Mr. Corns.

7. The City Prosecuting Attorney Glaser explained to Mr. Corns that any resident can make a complaint, but that does not give that resident the right to be updated on every step of the investigation or the outcome. The resident's position in the complaint ends at the completion of filing the complaint.

Council Member Alders asked Mr. Corns what the objective of the meeting should be. His complaint went through the process, he didn't like the answers, but the answers will not change. The complaint was addressed and resolved. The septic system was certified compliant by a licensed septic system contractor, and it is compliant. There ends the alleged issue. Mr. Corns then stated he had nothing further for the council.


MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COUNCIL MEMBER BREYEN, SECONDED BY RAINVILLE.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Lehner, City Administrator



Jeffrey M. Pilon, Mayor



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Meeting: 10/16/23 Workshop Date: 10/16/23
Sam Coors Concerts

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Sam Coms concerns

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