

WOODS CROSS CITY WORK MEETING
APRIL 3, 2007
5:30 P.M.

The Woods Cross City Council Work Session held April 3, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall, 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah

CONDCUTING:

Mayor Kent Parry

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kent Parry
Jennifer Decker
Rick Earnshaw

Donald D. Moore Jr.
Jon Hadlow
Tamra Dayley

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Uresk, City Administrator
Alan Low, City Recorder
Tim Stephens, Community Development Director

VISITORS:

Melinda Williams
David Hill
Anne Blankenship
Ryan Westergard

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and stated this is a work meeting, that notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting was sent to local newspapers and provided to each of the City Council members prior to the meeting.

DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT BY SINCLAIR OIL

The floor was given to the City Administrator and he explained the following to the City Council:

“I have met with Mr. Clint Ensign of the Sinclair Oil Company twice since the last meeting. He and I have discussed possible areas that they could make beneficial improvements in the City to offset the negative impacts of the oil development within the City. We discussed landscaping along 2600 South as well as actual improvements on 2600 South street.

“In our last meeting he made a proposal to me that they donate \$50,000 into a landscape fund for the City. I told him that that would be something we would seriously consider. I have also contacted Kerry Reubellman at Klinefeldter Engineering, a firm that does environmental work in this area. She is in the process of contacting some of her colleagues in California to get some input on how they deal with these types of issues. I believe we are making progress in putting together a conceptual plan in dealing with the increase in the oil activity in the area and getting offsets to benefit the residents because of the impact on them.

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“I would suggest that we work through these issues and continue our discussion with Sinclair, however, I do feel we are not quite where we need to be. I would suggest we table their request for another two weeks to work out the details of how this will all work.”

After the explanation by the City Administrator the Council then discussed the benefits and the disadvantages to amending the City’s General Plan to allow Sinclair Oil to construct two jet fuel storage tanks, along with a loading dock, at approximately 1075 West on 2600 South.

Some of the advantages that were discussed were that by allowing the development of the property in this manner is in keeping with other development with the surrounding area. Also that if it were not allowed Sinclair Oil could possibly ask for a de-annexation into North Salt Lake since North Salt Lake borders the property to the east and to the south. Sinclair Oil could also go immediately across the street to the south and construct the tanks in North Salt Lake City if they could gain permission from that City.

The disadvantages that were discussed were that the General Plan does not allow for the construction of anymore oil refinery or oil refining storage in the City and that it does not allow it in the General Plan in this area. There would also be increased truck traffic that this facility would place on 2600 South Street. There could be a perception of the citizens in the area of expanding industrial development in the City when they are opposed to this kind of development. There is also potential for air pollution in the way of offensive smells in the air that could come from the facility.

After the discussion, the time allotted for the work session had expired.

DISCUSSION OF WOODS CROSS CITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This item was not discussed because the time allotted for the work session had expired.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 P.M. the Council concluded the work session with a motion by Council Member Earnshaw to adjourn. Council Member Decker seconded the motion and all voted for the motion.

Kent Parry, Mayor

Alan T. Low, Recorder