

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

***401 Davis Avenue
City Hall, Council Chambers
January 8, 2024
11 a.m.***

Present were Committee Members: N. Bross-Fregonara and D. Parker.

Also present were: Jerry Marco (mayor), Mike Kesecker (operations manager), Gerry Roberts (city attorney), Tracy Judy (treasurer), Steve Himes (fire chief), Travis Bennett (police chief), and Sutton Stokes (city clerk).

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION OF COCA COLA CONSOLIDATED, INC. (CCCI) TO ABANDON AN OPENED PORTION OF AN ALLEY KNOWN AS COKE LANE.

The public hearing opened at 11:01 a.m. and closed at 11:02. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Parker **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2023.** The motion carried.

REPORTS

Bross-Fregonara read a report from Elkins Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Petition of Coca Cola Consolidated, Inc. (CCCI) to abandon an opened portion of an alley known as Coke Lane*

Stokes informed the committee that the pre-hearing steps required under Elkins City Code § 93.070 et. seq., Street and Alley Abandonment Procedures, had been followed.

Representatives of CCCI appeared to present the company's request for the abandonment of the southern end of the section of Coke Lane between 10th and 11th Street. CCCI proposes either an Option A, closing the alley to other through traffic and making the

alley a dead end, or Option B, creating an “access road” at right angles to the course of the alley connecting to Davis Avenue. Justifications for the closure include safety for pedestrians (including children, who currently are observed trespassing around forklifts and large trucks) and crime prevention.

The City Attorney reviewed the code section’s grounds for rejecting such a petition.

Parker **MOVED RECOMMENDING “PLAN A” TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.** The motion carried.

b. Update on open bids and contracts

Kesecker provided updates on plans for the construction of the Sanitation Garage, the awarding of the Downtown Flowers contract, and a recent meeting with Downstream Strategies about grant opportunities to fund projects under the Streetscape Master Plan.

d. City-owned real property

Roberts reported that there has been no progress yet on finalizing the transfer of the Darden House to Woodlands Development Group.

Judy reported that utility bills for the Gov. Kump House will become the responsibility of the Kump trust’s board of directors as of the next billing.

Marco reported on collaborative efforts between the city, the county, and other parties to design, construct, and maintain proposed new development and features on the grounds of the All-Veterans Memorial. He also reported that the All-Veterans Memorial Council plans to establish a foundation to receive donations for the care of the memorial and park.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting of 2/12/2024

Nanci Bross-Fregonara, Chair
Name & Title

Nanci Bross Jr
Signature