

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Daryl Seymore, Vice Mayor Mike Allsop and Council members Brandt Clark, Brent Hatch, John Leech, Jr., Connie Kakavas, and Gene Kelley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; F. Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Administrative Services Director; Justen Tregaskes, Planning and Zoning Director; Rachael Hall, Deputy City Clerk; and Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Stephen Douglas Roberts, Sharon Stone, Dawn Wilson, Curt Fernau, and others.

3. Discussion with White Mountain Coalition Against Homelessness.

Mr. Tregaskes said the White Mountain Coalition Against Homelessness was a non-profit corporation that was established in 2015 and was governed by a Board of voluntary members. They cooperated with the Salvation Army outpost and the Christian Community Outreach organization.

Mr. Tregaskes said they provided a program to allow a person or family the ability to turn a life crisis into becoming self-sufficient citizens. Housing was provided that included utilities and laundry facilities, and a normal length of the program was 90 days. There was an onsite manager who checked on clients and monitored daily operations and a security camera network to insure site security.

Mr. Tregaskes said the Coalition was requesting a partnership with the City to assist in the initial investment of \$80,000 for the building of three-tiny houses and renovations on an existing home at 2791 East Adams that the Coalition was considering to purchase. The Coalition continued to invest their funds to support citizens during life crisis situations. The Coalition was self-sufficient with their annual income continually being greater than their annual expenses.

Mayor Seymore said the Governor was allocating funds to help with homelessness. He suggested that the Council direct staff to look into the funds that would be available to help with this project.

Mayor Seymore asked if there were any zoning issues with the property for this type of project. Mr. Tregaskes said no, the Coalition looked at purchasing this property because it was zoned I-1, which was allowed for institutional use. This type of project, transitional housing, qualified under institutional use.

Councilman Leech asked what utilities and buildings were on the property. Mr. Tregaskes said water and sewer connections were available on East Adams. There was an existing home on the property that the Coalition would utilize and an auto shop nearby.

Vice Mayor Allsop asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission would need to review this project. Mr. Tregaskes said no, this project was a permitted use and staff would review the project and permit it accordingly for the new buildings and renovation of the existing building.

Councilman Leech asked what type of programs the individuals were coming from that the Coalition would be helping. Pastor Tom Brown said the individuals in the program were those who had lost their jobs and their homes, separated and divorced families, individuals just coming out of jail, etc. Maria Stokes at the Salvation Army would do the intake of the individuals to qualify for the program and give the information to the Coalition. He said it wasn't a shelter for anyone to use. There were listed requirements that had to be met to qualify.

Councilman Clark asked if there were any services that were provided such as mental health services. Pastor Brown said there would be monitoring services and financial services. Life skills training was something they were looking into for a later time. Any individual who required assistance with mental health concerns, drug, or alcohol addictions were referred to ChangePoint Integrated Health for counseling.

Councilwoman Kakavas asked what the service area would be. Pastor Brown said they took in individuals generally who were from the White Mountains area.

Councilman Clark asked if there was an amount that the Coalition was asking for. Pastor Brown said the Coalition was in negotiations with the property owner to purchase the property. The Coalition had money to purchase the land but would need assistance with starting to build the tiny-homes and begin renovations on the existing building.

Mayor Seymore directed staff to look into state funding for this project.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, **MAYOR SEYMORE ADJOURNED THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF JULY 21, 2020 AT 6:50 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk

Daryl Seymore, Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the **STUDY SESSION** of the City Council of Show Low held on July 21, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk