

NOTES

Members of the Georgia Pacific (G-P) Task Force assembled on January 22, 2009, in Conference Room "A" of the Newport City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Task Force members present were: Peggy Sabanskas, John Clark, Tim Johnson, Sandy Roumagoux, Charlie Plybon, Dan McCarthy, Gil Sylvia, Franz Cosenza, and George Ragsdale. Mayor Bill Bain and Council Liaison Lon Brusselback were also present. Staff represented was: City Manager Dale Shaddox, City Attorney Gary Firestone and Executive Assistant Cheryl Atkinson. Also present was G-P General Manager, Tom Picciano.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Mayor: Mayor Bain thanked the members of the task force for agreeing to serve. He distributed a memo explaining what he perceived as the Task Force's charge and guidelines. He stated this was not an all inclusive list. He gave a brief explanation of why the Council established the task force. Bain said he would like for this group to find a recommended consensus that can be presented to Council for their final recommendation, and he would like to have this consensus achieved in 60 to 90 days.

Mayor Bain and City Attorney Firestone reported that this meeting had not been noticed according to public meeting law; and therefore, no formal decisions could be made at this meeting. Both apologized for this misstep, and commented the next meeting would be publicized properly. Firestone stated that discussion could still occur on preliminary matters. He also commented that a chair could be elected from the members of the task force and confirmed at the task force's next meeting, and future meeting dates could be discussed.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Introduction of Task Force Members: Each member of the task force and staff present introduced themselves to the group, and gave a brief description of their backgrounds.

Discussion followed on the makeup of the task force, whether or not a consensus could be attained in the 60 to 90 day recommendation, and whether discussion could occur with regards to both G-P pipelines.

MOTION: Roumagoux moved, seconded by Plybon to nominate Gil Sylvia as chair of the G-P Task Force. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed and a call for vote was taken. All those in favor voted aye, motion carried.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY CITY

Firestone inquired if Thursdays at 5:00 P.M. would work for future meetings. Sabanskas said she would prefer 5:30 P.M. start time, but did not have a problem if they were held on Thursdays. It was the general consensus of the group to try and meet every two weeks on a Thursday at 5:30 P.M., unless a majority could not meet on those dates, and then another date would be scheduled. A few members indicated they travel in their jobs, and might not be able to attend all future meetings. Firestone stated telephone conferencing could be provided. Following a brief discussion, it was determined the task force's next meeting would be February 5, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the same location.

Firestone then explained the parameters of the discussions that could occur during the meeting. The proper use of e-mails was discussed. Firestone stated that all substantive e-mails will need to be shared with all members, and recommended they go through him first.

DISCUSSION

Task Force members proceeded to discuss their charge. Firestone stated that basically their charge will be to come up with a recommendation to the City Council on what they should do with regards to a proposed license agreement.

A lengthy question and answer period followed on the history of the agreement between the City and Georgia Pacific with regards to the effluent pipeline; and on factual matters relating to the location and status of the current G-P effluent pipelines.

A tour of the G-P plant was offered for any of the task force members who would be interested. A few indicated interest and a date and time would be scheduled.