

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:00 p.m., April 21, 2010, with the following members present: Dick Coose, Kj Harris, Matthew Olsen, Jack Shay, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West. Councilmember Jason Harris was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Assistant Manager Martin, Finance Director Newell, City Attorney Bradford, Library Director McQuerry, Deputy Chief Dossett, Public Works Director Allen and City Clerk Suiter.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Williams said there was a letter on the table from Cheryl Holum.

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for coming.

Susan Peters stated she had a chance last evening to attend her first Library Feasibility Committee meeting. She stated she understands the process that went along a little better. She felt the Committee has worked very hard and believes we must act now. She said the Committee had to pick sites from the 2007 RFP, and things have changed since then. She expressed concerns the meetings were not publicized in the paper, although they were open to the public. She said other stakeholders were not informed of the meetings, and she thought the Committee felt they actually had all the stakeholders there, which was not the case. She reported she found out about it three weeks ago, and she felt the public process was violated. She explained the library belongs to the public, and they should have their input as to where it will be located. She pointed out faulty aspects of the recommended site, and requested a public process.

Linda Millard pointed out the library plays a huge role in revitalizing downtown Ketchikan as a community facility, and it is a big draw to the neighborhood. She felt locating the library outside of downtown will have a huge economic effect on the downtown merchants and their abilities to be year-round businesses. She related her family's experience with the library and her feelings about the lack of public process on the subject.

Samuel Bergeron spoke about his perception of the lack of process on the library selection. He urged the Council to open up the process to the public and get a lot input. He felt the idea of putting the library in a rock pit is a bad one, and it should stay downtown. He suggested putting the museum in the old fire station and keeping the library where it is currently located. He requested more public input.

Blaine Ashcraft, representing the Chamber of Commerce, read a letter from Chamber of Commerce President Lee Gerber. Mr. Gerber's letter expressed support for the site selected by the Library Feasibility Committee, and he stated it was very easy to get

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involved. It provided a history of the entire process, noting his involvement. Mr. Gerber requested the process move forward with purchasing the Copper Ridge property.

Dick Allen complimented the great job the library staff does, and spoke in support of the library remaining in the downtown area due to accessibility. He urged the Council, if the downtown is not feasible, stay away from Copper Ridge in favor of a more accessible site.

Cassie Sayle spoke on behalf of youth, stating many of them do not have transportation and feel the current location is the perfect spot. She said moving it out of town may cause problems and it would be easier on everyone if it stayed where it is.

Justin Carro spoke in favor of leaving the library in the downtown area, as he felt it was an important part of the downtown core. He stated in other places he has lived the library was located downtown or very close to it. He urged the Council to build in the same location.

Stephen Reeve said he was supportive of the library, but not of the process or ultimate site recommendation. He felt it was important to approach such a site very carefully as location is key to its success. He explained the site chosen was a poor choice due to accessibility, surroundings, compatibility of use, and the ability for users to gather. He suggested moving the museum and adding to the current library. He also felt the Main School lot was a good site. He spoke to the process, asserting he wasn't aware of the evolution of the Library Feasibility Committee.

Harvey Smith stated he was concerned about the process for the library site selection, and he felt there was essentially no public input. He didn't feel the recommended site was accessible and the library should be downtown. He said he was a member of the Downtown Steering Committee and they are working hard to revitalize the downtown. He felt they were working at cross-purposes with the Library Feasibility Committee. He determined a mistake could be made with a hasty decision.

Terry Wanzer felt the Foraker process was sterile, although proper, without taking into consideration the pulse of the community. He recited his experience relating to site selection committees, and emphasized we have to know the costs and how they are going to be funded. He opined the library needs to be on a flat, already buildable site to keep costs in check, and should be an architectural landmark we all can be proud of. He suggested several sites that would work and areas that could be rebuilt to accommodate the library. In addressing the need to make a timely site selection, he felt it would be poor to trade dollars for a bad decision.

George Tipton said he is not new to a process such as this, expressing his concern for the process that has occurred. He addressed the changes in square footage of the proposed library and how that may affect potential sites, noting his feeling it was crucial not to make a decision until the public is behind the project. He encouraged the Council to revisit removal of the museum and rebuilding the library where it is currently located.

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Tom Williams, Borough Planning Director, stated he and the Borough manager would certainly participate in something that is this important. He also noted the process has been conducted for a long period of time, and there is a lot of criteria to consider. He pointed out a conference he recently attended focused on downtown revitalization, and the issues that needed to be considered in such a process. He offered the assistance of the Planning Department if the process for site selection of the library gets extended. He answered questions from the Council.

Heidi Ekstrand, representing Friends of the Library, provided a brief history on the work of the Library Feasibility Committee. Ms. Ekstrand listed the people who were invited by mailed, personalized invitation to attend this January's Foraker organizational meeting: herself, Alethea Johnson, Penny Pedersen, Scott Bowlen, Stephen Reeve, John Harrington, Todd Phillips, Matt Olsen, Dan Bockhorst, Tom Williams, Debra Haden, Karl Amylon, Clifton Allen, Lee Gerber, Blaine Ashcraft, Andrew Spokely, Susan Thompson, Courtney Enright, Janette Rosier, Rebecca Lakouad, Susan Fisher and Dave Kiffer. She related approximately 20 people attended the January meeting, and although all of them are wonderful, it was recognized the size wasn't efficient for a working group. She explained they worked to identify key people for the smaller group they have today.

Ms. Ekstrand continued they came to consensus by keeping what is the best for the community as the core value. She explained the next stage and said they need to move on this process. She discussed funding aspects, stressing the Foraker group is providing pre-development costs at no cost to the City. She pointed out a table showing the ranking of the project on the state level, noting it is in line for next year's funding. She related the Library Feasibility Committee requested concurrence of the site selection as recommended and directing the manager to commence negotiations. Ms. Ekstrand answered questions from the Council.

Kyan Reeve expressed the public process was lacking, and he hoped a public process would have bigger publicizing in the newspaper and perhaps a second notice to key participants. He related there have been several public processes over many years and has come back several times to a location that could be examined. He felt ideas using existing buildings could be adopted, and noted a secondary benefit that could come from this development is the support for businesses and retail in the direct proximity. He discussed accessibility for the selected site, and encouraged the Council to consider exhausting other options out there.

Richard Sayle spoke in favor of keeping the library downtown. His mother, Rita Carro, also felt it would be good to leave it in the downtown area, pointing out it makes sense. She felt it was silly to make bigger problems when it could be planned properly. She pointed out the community can pull together to do this.

Dave Kiffer said he has been following this process for a long time. He stated there was no perfect site where everyone will be satisfied. He said if the community is seriously talking about a new library building, we need to have a site and a plan. He encouraged

the Council that, if the process goes longer, it should be made brief. He answered questions from the Council.

Carla Gelhart said she needs to walk by the library to her workplace, and she probably wouldn't use the library as extensively if she didn't.

The Council took a short break at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Site Recommendations for the Construction of a New Ketchikan Public Library – Library Feasibility Committee/Foraker Group**

Martha Schoenthal, Foraker Group, said the group is a unique Alaska institution that is a non-profit organization whose sole mission is to support and strengthen other non-profit Alaska organizations. She explained part of the Group is the Pre-Development Program, which is supported by four funding agencies and different groups in the state that recognized a need that sometimes non-profit groups – because of inadequate planning during the pre-development phase of a project – can result in projects that are not sustainable in the long-term. She said the program was created “to provide guidance and technical assistance to other non-profits to help ensure that projects meet a documented need, consider opportunities for collaboration, have appropriate facility and site plans and realistic project budgets, are financially sustainable, and will not negatively impact the sustainability of the proposing organization.”

Ms. Schoenthal said she is here to provide technical assistance and guidance, but is not here to sell the Council anything. She stressed that participation in the Pre-Development Program does not necessarily guarantee funding, but it really helps the chances for some funding from organizations that support the Pre-D Program.

She outlined steps in the Pre-Development Program:

1. Nomination and selection for the program. She said the manager, assisted by Friends of the Library, made application and the sponsor in the program is the Rasmusen Foundation. She stated this happened around the end of last year.
2. Definition of exact space needs.
3. Verification of the site.
4. Development of a concept plan and architectural plan of how this would work.
5. Preparation of a cost estimate.
6. Preparation of a development plan.

Ms. Schoenthal continued that one of the first things they did when the Ketchikan Public Library was accepted in the Pre-D Program was to review the materials that were available. She stated the Facility Development Plan that the Council commissioned in 2003 is probably the finest facility development document that she has ever seen. She said the scope of work accomplished in the plan is almost the exact same thing as what they are doing in the Pre-D Program right now. She felt the Council should consider what they are doing as an update to what was done in the 2003-2004 plan.

She explained there was a tremendous amount of public process during that plan, and she listed some of the things that were done. She related one of the culminations of this effort was a town hall meeting and then the information was submitted to the City Council. She said the final effort programmed a facility at approximately 27,000 square feet located at the Main School site, with an estimated cost of \$11 million plus a five-story parking garage at considerable expense. She continued in 2006 the City hired Bettisworth Welsh Whiteley to develop a concept design for both the library and garage, and at that time a need arose for a new fire station. She noted the design team was asked to look at the possibility of combining the fire station with the library facility at the top of the hill. She related some effort was put into that and the library project was put on pause while City refocused on taking care of the fire station need.

Ms. Schoenthal stated the costs of the site development and the parking garage contributed to a decision for the City to put out an RFP asking for other available sites for the library. She noted there were about 10 initial respondents and upon extension of the RFP, four more sites were proposed. She said Bettisworth Welsh Whiteley were commissioned in 2008 to do the schematic design for the parking garage and the library on the selected site. She said the Library Advisory Committee was reactivated and based on revised population projections, the space program was revised from 27,000 square feet to 23,850 square feet, with an estimated cost at that time of \$14.5 million plus the need for the City to fund the parking garage. She said in January of 2009, the City Council declined to move forward with the project, inferring it was because of the expense involved and not being able to see a way forward to fund both a garage and library at the same time.

Ms. Schoenthal explained in preparation for a kick-off meeting in January, they hired MRV Architects of Juneau to assist with the space programming and the site selection process. She stated they began work by building on all the work that was done in the past, and from all the community input they developed ideas on what the square footage could or should be based on revised population figures. She said the thing that became immediately obvious was the two-story versus one-story building solution. She explained the recommendation for Ketchikan was a single story building solution because first of all, it avoids additional capital costs for construction. She explained going to a two-story solution adds well over 1,000 square feet to the building program for emergency exit stairs, elevators and additional mechanical space, which translates into at least \$600,000 in additional building costs.

In addition, she continued, and more importantly is the ongoing staffing requirements that are introduced. She elaborated that a two-story solution requires a minimum of three staff to open the doors: one upstairs, one downstairs and one rover for backup assistance. She noted this would be for the life of the building. She said a single-story solution allows the building to be opened with two people, providing a little more flexibility in managing library staff.

Ms. Schoenthal said the third long-term cost of a two-story solution is the extra maintenance required on an elevator, the maintenance cost on the space and the utilities to heat and light the extra square footage. She stated the feasibility committee considered these factors and generally adopted the single-story solution as the way to go because it is cheaper and less costly to operate in the long term. With this basic understanding, she pointed out they moved forward.

She referred to informational packets from each of the meetings they have had, noting they looked at the highs and lows on what the square footages should be based on revised population. She explained the 2004 plan estimated the future population growing to 20,000 people, which has not been the case. She said the 2006 program looked at a 16,000-person population, and the current population statistics are that Ketchikan is hovering right around 13,000 and may be going down a little bit. She said based on population the number of volumes in the collection, how many seats should be accommodated, and the size of the meeting rooms were examined. She stated the net result decided by the Feasibility Committee, not the Foraker Group, was that 16,250 square feet was the right size for this community. She expressed confidence in the work that was accomplished that it was the right size for the community.

Ms. Schoenthal said they then began the discussion about site selection, and in the meantime, MRV Architects took the 16,250 square foot size and analyzed what size site would be required to support the facility, making allowances for the square footage required, bus parking, drop off availability, building setback and a 25% boost for future growth. She noted the 25% latitude for future growth is allowed because when the 16,250 figure was determined, no room was oversized. She pointed out it was exactly for what a 13,000 Ketchikan community needs, and in the event Ketchikan grows, the library needs to grow as well. She said the 25% overage allows for expansion for growth without going through another process for building a library; it can simply be added onto.

In looking at the site size, she continued that MRV Architects analyzed that an approximately 50,000 square foot site is required to support a single story solution for the new library. She stated if, for some reason, the City of Ketchikan and the community decided it was OK to stay with the two-story solution, they charged MRV with determining what the square footage requirements of that site would be. She said the architects determined a site requirement of 30,000 square feet was required for a two-story solution.

Ms. Schoenthal reported the architects were charged with looking at the 2004 facility development plan, the August 2007 sites that were identified in the RFP process plus the

extension, and they were challenged to be creative. She said at that point one of the local realtors, Bill Bolling of Gateway Realty, volunteered to assist in helping find other available sites, and they added Trevor Sande of R&M Engineering-Ketchikan to assist. She stated they did quite a bit of work by visiting what had been available before, had conditions changed, and questioned whether the reasons for a site being dropped the first time were still valid or if anything had changed.

She related from that list they developed a list of 11 sites that met the 50,000 square foot criteria or the 30,000 square foot criteria, which they brought to the Feasibility Committee for input and discussion. She pointed out a matrix of the sites that were analyzed that was included in the Council packet.

She said they met with the Feasibility Committee for their reaction to the available sites, and it was immediately obvious to the committee there were several sites that simply would not work because they were not conducive to a library environment. She continued the list was narrowed down to six sites for further study, and another was added when volunteered by a member of the Feasibility Committee. She stated they made the decision at that time to conduct a field trip and walk each one of the seven sites, then came back to determine which sites would be further vetted for due diligence. At that point, she said there were four sites remaining.

Ms. Schoenthal said those four sites were sent back to R&M and MRV Architects, and they looked at several conditions: the available views, the land availability and how a facility could be sited, and technical information relating to constructability, transportation length, ease of access, environmental attributes, as well as utility and infrastructure costs. She said there was also some discussion by the Feasibility Committee regarding cost of the land, and there was a conscious decision made to not evaluate the cost. She reasoned each one of the property owners indicated a willingness to negotiate, thus the cost element was set aside. She related there was a Library Advisory Board member as well as a member of the public in attendance, and all present evaluated the different sites.

She informed originally they thought to move forward with a selection of the three high-ranking sites, but it became very obvious that the Copper Ridge site scored so much higher than the other sites that the Feasibility Committee felt comfortable recommending this particular site at the location for the new library. She pointed out the second layer of criteria that was used for site selection. She reminded the first layer of site selection was square footage and availability, and the next criteria had to do with the qualities of the site. She complimented the Feasibility Committee volunteering their time to go through each one of these sites and evaluate them on seven or eight different categories. She said it was a very thorough and deliberative process in evaluating those sites.

Ms. Schoenthal said the next steps in the Foraker Group's Pre-D Program is that based upon the site the community selected, they will hire another architect to prepare a concept design for that site. She said the design will test the developed space program and they will then hire a professional cost estimator to prepare a construction cost estimate. She

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pointed out right now they are using a grand rule of thumb sort of estimating, but at that point they will estimate it for the actual facility at the actual site. She related the final portion of the work will be to prepare a development plan, which would really be an update to what was done since 2004. She emphasized to move forward in the Pre-D program, a site must be selected.

She advised the purchase of the site now would be prudent because available sites that are in Ketchikan are very few. She provided her perspective that the deliberative and very thoughtful process that was utilized identified a very good choice.

She discussed the timing and the potential for State matching funds. She emphasized the Foraker Group wants what Ketchikan wants, and she is not trying to sell something – she is simply a technical adviser. She said there is an opportunity to apply for 50% matching funding, and to get there the project would need to be at 35% design and have a site by February of next year. She related this keeps the City in the bandwidth for next year's funding, and to stay there Foraker Group needs to keep moving forward with concept design, the cost estimate and the development plan. She pointed out to do that, the site needs to be chosen. She said the Pre-D Program will take the process to the 10% level, but the City needs to get to the 35% level. She said this means roughly in October of this year the City needs to be pre-positioned to have its architect ready to go to start producing schematic design. She said this is the tightest schedule possible in order to still achieve a viable 35% by mid-February.

Ms. Schoenthal continued, regardless of the timing of the financing, how the Pre-D Program works and the availability of securing the funding, she felt there was no question there will still be a need for a new library facility. She said securing the site is a step forward in achieving that goal.

In response to a question asked earlier by Councilmember Coose, she addressed the viability of potentially using the Centennial Building for the library should the museum be located elsewhere. She related they looked at this very briefly. She said the documented need is 16,250 square feet, and the Centennial Building facility is 12,000 square feet, which is not big enough for what the needs truly are. She pointed out the building itself was built in 1967 and it would probably require fairly substantive structural seismic upgrades. She said it desperately needs electrical upgrades right now. She stated the current HVAC system doesn't meet clean air quality standards, so there would need to be a substantive upgrade there as well. She also pointed out it doesn't meet ADA requirements and it doesn't have sprinklers. She felt millions of dollars would be thrown at the building and it would still not meet the documented need. She did not recommend this alternative.

In response to Councilmember Kj Harris, Ms. Schoenthal said it could be rebuilt on the site, but a single-story solution would be very difficult to achieve. She encouraged him to think of it in terms of square footage. She said the footprint right now is 6,000 square feet, and 16,250 are needed which would chew up everything for a single-story solution.

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In response to Councilmember Olsen, Ms. Schoenthal said Ketchikan cares about its library. She said it would strengthen the City's application with outside funding agencies if we were able to say it was a unanimous decision. She related from a funding agency perspective, if a community doesn't care about it why should the funding agency care. She said if a community doesn't want to put any skin in the game, why should the funding agency put skin in the game.

Councilmember Coose questioned electronic issues, and Ms. Schoenthal stated these were considered carefully. She noted the actual number of computer carrels in the space programming actually remains static, but the recommendation is made that a WI-FI system be installed for a café style setting. Councilmember Olsen pointed out the actual number of computer spaces is not increasing, but the seating area for people to sit in has increased because it is being found that people are bringing in their own laptops and needing more space.

She also said the way the collection is sized right now it could grow another 10%, and oddly enough, Ketchikan is at the upper end of national standards at the amount the library is used by the community and the number of items and volumes that are checked out. She felt this would not decrease in this community.

She continued there is a significant difference in total project cost between Copper Ridge and Heckman, noting the Copper Ridge site had some test pits drilled and the rough estimate was \$50,000 to prepare the site for construction. She said the Heckman Street site has quite a bit of overburden and it would need to be removed first, a cost between \$250,000 and \$500,000 to prepare the site for construction. Also in response to Councilmember Coose, she said if the Council did not pick a site tonight, the drop-dead date for choosing a site would be no later than May 15. She said this would allow the Pre-D program concept to move forward and for us to get on with their work.

Councilmember Shay said he felt the Council needed to move swiftly on the issue, and he appreciated all the views and processes that have gone into it.

Mayor Williams said the process began in 1997, originally as a new museum but then it changed to a library. He said in 2004 the report was done but things sort of died after that until the RFP process for land in 2006. He noted it died again because the Council didn't feel there was a project that came together because they were working on a fire department as well. He stated the lot for the fire department has been chosen, and the old Fireside building is now for the performing arts so those options are out. He felt there was not really space downtown unless the Council wants to change its whole philosophy and go back to looking for a museum and use the library site for the new library. He commented there is no perfect location, we're not going to make everyone happy, but he felt it was important to move forward with the process. He said he would have no problem making a motion to select a site or, if the Council wanted to give it more time, he wouldn't go past the next meeting.

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Councilmember Kj Harris said one of the problems with a special meeting is that no matter how much it is advertised someone will say they didn't know about it. He said he would like to see some extra meetings right here.

Mayor Williams said if there was a special meeting, he would like to do it on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Library Feasibility Committee and the Foraker Group regarding site selection for the construction of a new Ketchikan Public Library and direct the city manager to commence negotiations for the acquisition of Lot 1, Copper Ridge, said purchase agreement to be submitted to the City Council for formal consideration and approval.

Councilmember Olsen said it has been an exhaustive process in the community since 2003. He stated he is not opposed to delaying it a little to allow those people who felt they haven't been involved in the process to be involved. He reminded that Manager Amylon noted in December the Foraker Group had taken on the project and Assembly Member Phillips, he and Councilmember Sivertsen have kept the bodies informed through reports, so it has been out there in the public. He stated the project at this point has raised four percent of the construction costs, something that has never been accomplished in this community. He said he was questioned by a constituent who asked if the Council realized what has been done to families because of closing on Sundays. He related by going to a one-story facility, it is opened up immediately on Sunday without any additional cost except for heating.

He continued when they began the selection process, the architects came in with an 18,000+ square foot option, and they whittled it down to 16,250. He informed there was a lot of discussion among a number of groups, and the question regarding the number of floors was never brought up as a limiting factor. He recounted much of the site selection process as previously given by Ms. Schoenthal, and when they tried to find anyone willing to negotiate, he said there was no one willing to negotiate with the City for purchase.

Councilmember Shay said he felt the testimony given tonight indicated the need for public involvement, and there is enough interest and energy of the public to do it within the next few weeks. He expressed appreciation for what has been done, noting the desirability of a one-story site. He felt, however, the heating costs would be greater over the long haul as well as the greater initial construction costs. He felt there would be a difference of approximately 10,000 square feet less going with a two-story structure. He didn't think a two-story building should be rejected out of hand, even though it may be highly desirable. Mr. Shay commented on the funding available, but he felt the public process has largely been overlooked by not including the public. He recited those appointed by the mayor to the Library Advisory Committee, reminding they are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Shay, seconded by Kj Harris to defer until May 13, 2010.

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Councilmember Coose said he didn't have a problem waiting until May 13<sup>th</sup>, but no later to make a decision. He commented as the groups go forward he encouraged the people who came in and said they didn't get to participate be sure to show up. He didn't feel that public process has been avoided. He continued that in his experience, people don't participate until you get ready to make a decision. He felt this would give them a chance to speak. He related his preference for the Heckman location, and as the public discusses those locations they look at costs. He expressed the current library site is not a premium location because he felt it should be a one-level structure. He felt the current site was an excellent location for a museum.

Councilmember Sivertsen said he would not support the deferral, but he would support the original motion. He stated it isn't until someone makes a decision that the public gets interested in it, citing the pool as well sports issues. He felt the group did a wonderful job researching and revitalizing it, working with a very professional outfit to come up with a good site. In speaking to access issues, he didn't believe Third Avenue had ever been closed down due to snow because he thought it was a priority one route, and it was easily accessible to anyone. He felt with our weather, most people drive to their destinations and in the summer most people avoid downtown. He stated he loved the tourists and the opportunity for them to come to town and the boost to the economy, but he stayed away from downtown due to traffic congestion. He expressed support for Councilmember Olsen's motion.

Motion to defer passed with Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea; Sivertsen and Olsen voting nay; Jason Harris absent.

Mayor Williams asked Heidi Ekstrand to arrange open meetings to talk about the issue, and if they wanted to use the Civic Center the City would provide it at no cost.

Councilmember Shay, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, hoped the meeting would be noticed and transparent.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sivertsen said he is concerned we are going to get bogged down in the site selection, and he would set a real strict time schedule to look at something that is available to construct on and not go with the ands/ifs/buts.

Councilmember Coose thanked Ms. Ekstrand and Ms. Schoenthal for the work, stating it was a good presentation. He felt it was just a matter of letting the public have a little more input, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> there would be a decision made.

Councilmember Kj Harris said he has taken more notes tonight than in the six years he's been on the Council. He stated he is happy the Council didn't choose something tonight.

Councilmember Shay said several questions needed to be answered with regard to the site: 1) what is the size of the site; 2) are there any hazardous materials on the site and who is responsible for them; 3) have the platting, development and subdivision

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requirements been met; 4) are all utilities available for the site. He felt \$50,000 to level the site and get it shovel ready is far lower than the actual cost of development. He explained he had the opportunity to go up there with Ms. Ekstrand and talk to Mr. Lybrand, and it should be very carefully looked at. He additionally expressed that someone else may have an interest in this property.

Councilmember Olsen said he was glad the Council is moving forward, and he appreciated all who spoke tonight. He thought there was a good public process here and up to this point going back into 2003. He continued he would almost be on the side of having special meetings the next three weeks with the Council in the Chambers so they know people are showing up, with a tight timeline presented. He said unless the Council held outside parties responsible, the process would get bogged down.

Councilmember West said she is leaning toward the Copper Ridge site because it has a lot going for it, and as Mayor Kiffer said, there is not going to be a perfect site. She felt there were some drawbacks to it that she could see. She thanked Ms. Ekstrand, Ms. Schoenthal and others who spoke this evening, and the Council has demonstrated the power of the community in weighing in on issues like this and the importance of the library. She reported the KPU Advisory Board will meet tomorrow night at the Civic Center starting at 5:15 p.m. She said they will be talking about the Water Division.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for being involved. He said he would like to see the working group work with the public, and even though the Council can attend the meetings, he would like to have it open where people can discuss and look at the sites and talk about other sites. He wanted to make it a forum instead of a meeting where everyone is here.

Councilmember Kj Harris asked about the councilmembers being present, and Mayor Williams said it would be advertised.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katherine M. Suiter  
City Clerk