

CITY OF TECUMSEH
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
JANUARY 19, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present: Mayor Baker, Council members Fox, Harmon, Naugle, Philo, VanAlstine and Wimple.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Kevin Welch, Clerk Mary Feight and City Attorney Scott Baker.

Motion Naugle and seconded Fox, to accept the January 19, 2015 Study Session agenda. Motion carried.

Mayor Baker explained that the study session was being held to discuss the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget and Downtown First Floor Retail.

Downtown First Floor Retail

During public comment John and Erica Aylward, owners of the Boulevard Market, and Chris Wallich, property owner in the downtown District, spoke in support of leaving the ordinance as it stands and not placing restrictions on first floor businesses. D.J. Martin owner of Martin's Hardware remarked that more parking was needed downtown.

Manager Welch reviewed the options that he, the Development Services Director Raymond and Economic Development Director Holtz provided for Council consideration if they wished to place restrictions on non-retail uses downtown. Explaining that they are not proposing any of these options but providing information requested by Council. Further remarking that they felt the downtown has a good mixture of businesses and hasn't heard any complaints. Manager Welch also noted that locals seem to like the service component.

After a lengthy discussion, Council concurred to have the City Manager, Development Services Director and Economic Development Director monitor the percentage of non-retail and report back to City Council annually. Furthermore, to immediately notify Council, if there is a dramatic change in the percentage, up to 30-35%.

2016 Fiscal Year Budget

Due to the limited time, City Manager Welch briefly explained the documents presented to Council regarding activity of our current budget and projections for the 2016 FY Budget. Manager Welch suggested Council review the documents and discuss at another study session. Council agreed to have a study session at 6:45 p.m. before the February 2nd council meeting.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Harmon, to adjourn the study session at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

Mary Feight, City Clerk