

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA  
February 19, 2019 AT 5:00 PM  
Arlington Community Center - Council Chambers**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approve the Agenda

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. 2019 Goals
4. Adjournment

**NO OFFICAL BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING.  
THE MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

The Council Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m., Mayor Richard Nagel presiding.

Members present: Richard Nagel, Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell and Jim Heiland  
Also present: City Adm. Pat Melvin

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Cowell, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

The purpose of the Council Workshop meeting was to review 2019 City Council Goals.

Administrator Melvin reviewed the information that was included in the Council packet from goal setting in 2018. This included the results from the strategic meeting with Craig Waldron in which the Council conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis. The Council then invited the public to provide input as to which goals they felt were most important. The public chose the following top priorities: 1) attracting new businesses to Arlington; 2) securing the resources needed to keep the City safe and; 3) marketing and advertising the unique qualities of Arlington.

The Council also reviewed the four 2019 goals established by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) which include 1) actively promoting available commercial sites- privately and publicly owned; 2) selling the former TSE Building; 3) acquiring an industrial park and; 4) working with developers to stimulate housing.

The Council then reviewed the list of 2019 goals that each Council member had provided in advance of the meeting and asked each member to identify their top three goals. One common goal among the Council included providing more housing options, especially senior housing, by reaching out to developers and continuing to provide incentives for building in Arlington. The Council felt that the medical school in Arlington was going to start impacting Arlington and that they wanted to be prepared in advance with additional housing options.

The Council felt that attracting industry to Arlington was a priority as it would bring more jobs for residents. There was some discussion about how to acquire property and extend utilities for the property when the City did not know how long it would have to hold onto the property waiting for a business. There was some discussion about a contract for deed to acquire property or making payments towards a piece of property that would only be finalized and paid in full when a business was identified for that site.

Several Council members expressed concern with planning to have an industrial site located on the northeast side of town due to the impact it would have on the residencies located in that area. There were a few suggestions to explore going further north to a possible area where interference with neighboring residencies would be more minimal. The suggestion was made to ask the Planning Committees for assistance to explore industrial park sites that would have minimal impact on residential neighborhoods within the City to avoid the challenges currently existing with Northland Drying.

The Council talked about a number of smaller long-range planning goals such as developing a five year Capital Improvement Plan so that the Council can adhere to a budget schedule and not have to worry about last minute funding decisions. They talked about the importance of completing the 800 MHz radio antenna installation which will provide much needed communication during emergencies, stabilizing

ambulance and fire staff and budgets, marketing better the benefits of building in Arlington and replacing and installing more street signs on Main Street.

The Council will be meeting with the EDA and Planning Committee on Thursday to further discuss 2019 goals and hopes that following that meeting they will have their 2019 goals more clearly identified and ready for presentation to the public.

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Cowell, and passed by unanimous vote of those present to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm.

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City Administrator Patrick Melvin

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Mayor Richard Nagel