

OFFICIAL RECORDED MINUTES OF LAKELAND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williams, Council Member Richard Glasgow, Council Member Joe Paiement, Council Member Jeri Ryan, Council Member Evan Loenser

OTHERS PRESENT: Grady Erickson and Gary Vandervorst of Lakeland Plaza, LLC.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION BEGAN AT 9:17 A.M.

SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Council discussed the remaining two options for relocating city hall which included building a facility on the city owned land at the Public Works site and a 'build out' at the Lakeland Plaza. Lakeland Plaza representatives presented the options available to the city at their private owned site and offered to provide a 'build out' cost to the city after specific needs were shared with them on what the city would require in the way of offices, meeting rooms and council chambers, etc.

Proponents for the Lakeland Plaza site spoke to the benefits of the central location serving the community as a city center and cited the convenience for residents and the added benefit it would provide the other business owners at the Plaza.

Proponents for building at the city owned PW site spoke to the benefits of true ownership; not being tied to a private entity, especially in view of a potential sale of the Plaza in the future, future expansion of city hall (partnering with other cities or the county, library, etc.), and having room for expansion if necessary, no size constraints, no unknown cost variables (sharing plaza expenses), consolidating all city services and staff to one location and not being responsible to ensure the financial stability of a private enterprise.

The financial comparisons of the two options on the table need further details to determine the actual cost to the city. The decision to move forward with a New City Hall will be brought to the December meeting with the decision between the two options being brought to a future meeting after costs analysis are obtained.

ADJOURN: 11:40 A.M.

Amy Williams, Mayor

Sandie Thone, City Administrator/Clerk