

Annexation Task Force Meeting
May 18, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall – Council Chambers

Meeting Summary

- Councilor Kiley, as the meeting facilitator, began the meeting at 5:30 p.m., with the standard opening remarks. A show of hands indicated that there were some in the audience that were not in attendance at either of the earlier meetings. The overflow room was not used for seating as there were seats still available in the council chambers.
- The first item of business was a discussion about the requirements for pedestrian pathways as directed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City ADA Coordinator, Colleen Moran, presented information on the particular instances that trigger the need for pedestrian pathway consideration and that annexation by itself is not a trigger. **“5-18-17 Presentation” includes slides that were used as visual aids for this presentation and can be found via the Annexation Task Force webpage under Meeting Information: May 18.**
- Director Mike Cooper began his presentation with a summary of information shared at previous meetings. He then briefly reviewed specific state programs currently available to reduce the impact of increased property taxes. He went on to discuss how property tax dollars are divided up and spent. A discussion on Engineering Design Standards (EDS) was the second part of the presentation. This portion focused on what EDS are, and what some of the specific standards include. City Engineer, Chad Huwe, explained the difference between private and public streets and the minimum standards associated with the design of each type of street. He also provided information regarding water and sanitary sewer design standards. **“5-18-17 Presentation” includes slides that were used as the visual for this presentation and can be found via the Annexation Task Force webpage under Meeting Information: May 18.**
- Councilor Kiley opened up the Task Force Discussion item on the agenda. Topics included the fairness of the process (private landowner vs. developer) and the need to look at different requirement options specific to the area under consideration for annexation.
- Assistant City Attorney Danny Brown provided answers to questions from previous meetings requiring additional research. First, he commented that the only thing controlling our requirement to charge interest is our own ordinance. Secondly, he addressed the City’s policy regarding the rural water company buyouts when annexation occurs and shared that the City does pay for this cost. Finally, he clarified that the estimates for roadway costs do not include interest.
- Councilor Kiley opened up the meeting to public input with a note extending the meeting to approximately 7:15 pm if needed. Public input included comments

about the desire to vote in city elections without being annexed, capping assessments based on a percentage of the property value, looking at capping the overall total assessment amount, looking at those particular situations when city development caused a lot to become a corner lot, income limitations on households for various reasons (social security, etc.), making sure current areas of the city are being maintained properly, consideration that unannexed property owners do pay taxes for the services they receive, questions about private streets and ADA requirements, and the possibility of constructing private streets in new developments.

- The meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.