

MINUTES
FACILITIES/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 4, 2011 —5:45 PM
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM—2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL

The Facilities/Management Committee met on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. The following members were present:

Council Members Present: **Chairman John Howren**
Councilwoman Brenda Craig

Other Council Members: **Councilman Dale Burkett**

Guests: **Mr. Dennis Crosby, Director, Criminal Justice Academy, Gaston College**
Mr. Richard Duffie, RAD & Associates

Chairman Howren welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Chairman Howren then recognized Mr. Larry Wood, Assistant City Manager-Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services for staff's presentation.

ITEM 1: Gastonia Municipal Golf Course Agreement:

Mr. Wood presented information to the Committee regarding a proposal to address and meet the Capital Improvement needs of the Gastonia Municipal Golf Course. Through the existing management agreement, RAD & Associates have provided the highest level of golfing facility possible for the City of Gastonia and the golfing public. In order to improve the quality of the facility, the proposed management agreement would allow the City and RAD to complete Capital Improvements to the course between July 1, 2011 and August 30, 2011. The City would provide the upfront funding for the project. RAD would be reimbursed for actual expenditures up to \$300,000 for the completion of the project. RAD & Associates would then repay the City over five years (60 monthly payments) with an annual interest rate of 2.75% and no pre-payment penalty. Mr. Richard Duffie, RAD & Associates, stated that in order for the Gastonia Municipal Golf Course to be competitive during these tough economic times, these Capital Improvements are essential. Also, Mr. Duffie stated that as part of the marketability of the golf course, a name change is recommended. The recommendation is to rename the Gastonia Municipal Golf Course to *Catawba Creek Golf Club*.

Committee Recommendation:

The Committee voted (2-0) to recommend that Full Council approve the enhanced Capital Improvement needs proposal and to recommend the name of the Gastonia Municipal Golf Course be changed to *Catawba Creek Golf Club*.

Necessary Council Action:

Accept or reject the Committee recommendation.

ITEM 2: City Hall Security:

Chairman Howren stated this item will be deferred to the next Facilities Management Committee Meeting in order for the entire committee to be present.

ITEM 3: Gaston College Pistol Range Agreement:

Chief Tim Adams, Gastonia Police Department, was recognized for staff's presentation. Chief Adams presented proposed plans for Gaston College to build a training room on property located at the Gastonia Police Firearms Training Facility. The property is owned by the City of Gastonia. The proposed facility would be used for Gaston College basic law enforcement firearms training program. A written agreement between the City and Gaston College would be executed and would contain the following provisions: Gaston College would construct a metal building facility on the grounds that would include classrooms, showers, bathrooms, video/audio training capabilities and an outside weapons cleaning station. Gaston College would provide supervisory staff on-site while the facility is being used for Gaston College purposes. Gastonia Police personnel would be allowed to use the facility during times not utilized by Gaston College. Gaston College would provide all maintenance and repair for the building. Gaston

College would compensate City of Gastonia a set amount for maintenance of grounds surrounding building and small arms range. Gastonia Police would provide a fenced small arms range to be used for Gaston College firearms training. At the end of the term, the building would become the property of the City. This agreement will be in effect for 40 years. Mr. Dennis Crosby, Director, Criminal Justice Academy, Gaston College, advised the Committee the facility will be approximately 4,000 square feet. Mr. Crosby stated the project goes before the Gaston College Finance Committee on Monday for approval. The next step would be to present the proposal to the full board of Gaston College Trustees. Mr. Ash Smith, City Attorney, stated rezoning would be required, and the proposal will go before the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

Committee Recommendation:

The Committee voted (2-0) to recommend that Full Council approve the proposed agreement for Gaston College to build a training room on property located at the Gastonia Police Firearms Training Facility.

Necessary Council Action:

Accept or reject the Committee recommendation.

ITEM 4: Donation of Property – Gastonia Technology Park:

Ms. Myra Messer, Housing and Neighborhoods Administrator, was recognized for staff's presentation. Ms. Messer stated a request has been received requesting that Lot 3, Gaston Technology Park, be donated to the City of Gastonia. The property, consisting of 13 acres, is within a flood plain. It is adjacent to Rankin Lake property and would provide a buffer to the range activities in the park. The property would be conveyed from the current owner, Gaston County, at no cost to the City.

Committee Recommendation:

The Committee voted (2-0) to recommend that Full Council accept the donation of Lot 3, Gaston Technology Park, from the owner, Gaston County, at no cost to the City.

Necessary Council Action:

Accept or reject the Committee recommendation.

ITEM 5: Set Date for Next Facilities/Management Committee Meeting (Cell Tower Lease Amendments):

Staff requested the Committee determine a future Facilities/Management Committee meeting date to discuss Cell Tower Lease Amendments. The Committee determined the next available meeting could be Monday, May 23rd at either 8:00 a.m. or 5:45 p.m. Staff will advise as soon as the date and time have been confirmed (since established as 5:45 p.m.)

ITEM 6: Other Business:

With no other business, Chairman Howren thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.