

amendment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Alexander III
Commissioner Pochowski

No: 1 - Chair Pasqua

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Kenton

Commissioners provided the rationale for their vote. Commissioner Alexander III stated he didn't see public support to move the Butcher House. While he supports the Heritage Society, he believes there is a possibility of permanently losing more trees than estimated. Commissioner Pochowski supports preserving the orchard and the architecture. He stated his opinion that Alternative 2 is the proper location to move the Butcher House, and he stated that he hopes Council can work with the related parties to find a solution. Chair Pasqua stated he has faith that the Historical Society can raise the funds, and while he understands the concern for the trees, he supported Alternative 1 because he understands how the Butcher House is part of our history and we are slowly losing that history. Vice Chair Kenton abstained because he is uncertain of the best solution as he supports saving the trees and also can appreciate saving the house.

Chair Pasqua agreed to represent the Commission at the Council meeting on March 15.

A question regarding the outcome of the vote was raised and Chair Pasqua called a recess to allow staff to verify the result of the vote.

Following the recess, Chair Pasqua reconvened the meeting with all Commissioners present and the Commission considered agenda item 3. Following action on agenda item 3, staff confirmed the vote on agenda item 2 passed.

3 [15-1095](#) Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Community Gardens for Property Located at 433 Charles Street

Superintendent of Parks and Golf Jim Stark presented the staff report. He answered Commissioner's questions related to the term of the agreement.

Chair Pasqua opened the public hearing.

Eric Fulda, the Community Garden Coordinator, thanked the City for the privilege to

use the land. He spoke about the efforts to market and improve the Community Garden program and about the challenges of managing a non-profit without a long term commitment from the City. He asked Commissioners to support Alternative 2.

Janet Hamma spoke about the benefits of the Charles Street Garden. She supports Alternative 2 and gave reasons why a renewable one year agreement would be a burden to their volunteer operation.

There were no further comments and Chair Pasqua closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair Kenton asked why staff recommends Alternative 1, and if the Garden were to be displaced due to the modernization project, would the City offer an equivalent size plot for the Garden? Commissioner Alexander asked about the length of other City agreements.

Commissioner Pochowski motioned and Chair Kenton seconded the motion to approve a modified version of Alternative 2 - Approve renewal of the agreement with Sustainable Community Gardens for the operation and maintenance of the Charles Street Gardens with modification of a 5 year term with 180 day opt out provision. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Pasqua
Vice Chair Kenton
Commissioner Alexander III
Commissioner Pochowski

No: 0

Commissioner Alexander supported a five year agreement because the group has a strong history with the City and this will provide the group more security. He stated the agreement with the proposed opt out clause would serve the same purpose as a renewable one year agreement and will avoid extra paperwork. Vice Chair Kenton agreed and also stated that the modernization project will take a number of years so there is enough time to move the garden if needed.

4 [16-0153](#) Approve Draft 2016 Work Plan

Superintendent Wax provided information about the draft work plan.

Chair Pasqua opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and he closed the public hearing.