

1 REVIEW AND DISCUSS RESULTS OF THE FLASHVOTE SURVEY REGARDING  
2 CARPORTS AND RECEIVE DIRECTION FROM CITY COUNCIL RELATED TO CARPORT  
3 REGULATIONS.

4 Ms. Hartman shared that the carport survey was conducted between March 3 - 5, 2025, by  
5 Flashvote. The number of participants who responded was 556. Ms. Hartman reviewed the  
6 survey questions and responses and the city's current carport regulations. **The majority of those**  
7 **surveyed do not support carports in their own front yard**; if carports were allowed in the front  
8 yard, a majority of those surveyed support design guidelines for carports to match the house.  
9 Ms. Hartman shared that the city, from 2022 to the present, received 24 carport applications; of  
10 those, 13 were approved, 14 were withdrawn, and seven were denied (encroachment into  
11 required setback, exceeded allowable size and proposed over easements).

12 **Council Member Vaughn requested that the Council follow up on its prior direction from the**  
13 **January 27, 2025, meeting to review the process used to develop the carport survey questions.**  
14 **He expressed concern that the questions did not adequately incorporate perspectives related to**  
15 **limited government or property rights.**

16 **He also clarified that the survey results should not be interpreted as broad public opposition to**  
17 **carports in general, but rather as opposition to building a carport in one's own front yard—a**  
18 **distinction he emphasized as important for the public record.**

19 **During this discussion, Mayor McCarty stated that the Council had not previously given such**  
20 **direction. In response, Council Member Vaughn offered to clarify the record by playing a video**  
21 **of the January 27 meeting, but the Mayor denied the request. Council Member Vaughn then**  
22 **proposed validating the prior directive by asking Council Member Matt Blake to confirm it, but**  
23 **this request was also denied.**

24 **Council Member Vaughn then stated that the Mayor was "lying to the people," to which Mayor**  
25 **McCarty responded by accusing Council Member Vaughn of lying. The Mayor then called**  
26 **Council Member Vaughn out of order but did not cite any specific rule that had been violated.**

27 City Council and staff discussed the survey questions and results; process to apply for a  
28 carport; number of responses (statistical sample) and confidence level with survey; city's current  
29 regulations regarding carports; FlashVote survey panel being open to residents and ability to  
30 sign up on the city's website; the number of requests to date received by the city for carports;  
31 and opportunity to improve online process and communication regarding carports and ability to  
32 seek a variance.

33 **Council Member Vaughn was recognized by the Mayor and began playing audio from a**  
34 **previous Council discussion on the carport survey. He was immediately cut off by the Mayor,**  
35 **who declared him out of order without citing a specific rule. Council Member Vaughn then left**  
36 **the meeting at 5:49 p.m. in protest of the Mayor's actions and the Council's refusal to allow him**  
37 **to clarify the record.**

- 38 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.
- 39 Mayor Pro Tem Deupree recommended the City Council terminate conversation about carports.
- 40 The consensus of the City Council is to continue with the current regulations and process to
- 41 seek approval for carports.