



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Stan Pulliam, Mayor; Jeremy Pietzold, Council President; Laurie Smallwood, Councilor; Richard Sheldon, Councilor; Kathleen Walker, Councilor; Carl Exner, Councilor; and Don Hokanson, Councilor

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Jordan Wheeler, City Manager; Jeff Aprati, City Recorder; Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager / Finance Director; Ernie Roberts, Police Chief; Greg Brewster, IT/SandyNet Director; and David Doughman, City Attorney

MEDIA PRESENT: none

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. Government Relations Update (Pac/West)

Staff Report - 0484

Ryan Tribbett and Phil Scheuers with Pac/West delivered a government relations report for the Council. Their presentation slides were included in the agenda packet. The report involved a recap of legislative interim timelines, an update on redistricting, 2021-22 interim topics of import, and planning for the 2022 legislative session.

Discussion with the Council ensued, covering the following topics:

- The definition of 'surplus land' in HB 2918
 - The City's plans / intentions for property not yet developed
 - The importance of the City determining its own future rather than the State
- The possibility of being required to update the housing needs analysis again, and the cost for doing so
- Infrastructure funding opportunities
- Data gathering on system development charges
- Recycling policy
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Wildfire recovery and prevention

- The February 2022 legislative session, and the possibility of securing a portion of remaining ARPA funds
 - The need to communicate with state representatives as soon as possible
 - The advantages of proposing smaller, shovel-ready projects; the need to quickly develop 1-page project summaries
- The Executive Branch's role in reviewing whether ARPA projects are truly shovel-ready
- The possibility of additional lottery funds
- The importance of projects including a climate resiliency component

Pac/West agreed to pursue the following issues further and report back to the City:

- The importance of streamlining land use-related reporting requirements to ease the burden on cities
- Infrastructure funding opportunities
- Timing requirements for updating the housing needs analysis
- Possible litigation on redistricting and its impacts on the timing of implementing new districts
- The impact of zoning designation on surplus property status (e.g. parks, etc)

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda

An item was added to the agenda under New Business to discuss a Veterans Day event in Centennial Plaza.

6. Public Comment

Bert Key addressed the Council, requesting a waiver of the \$200 fee to reserve Centennial Plaza for the VFW's Veterans Day event.

7. Response to Previous Public Comments

none

8. Presentation

8.1. **Oath of Office: Sergeant Craven**

Mayor Pulliam administered the police sergeant oath of office to Sergeant Craven.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. **City Council Minutes**

September 20, 2021

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Richard Sheldon

Adopt the consent agenda.

CARRIED. 7-0

Ayes: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood,
Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, and Don
Hokanson

10. New Business

10.1. **Centennial Plaza Veterans Day Ceremony Conversation**

Councilor Hokanson stated support for honoring veterans, but also noted the importance of consistently adhering to the City's policies. He proposed that the City could sponsor the event in partnership with the VFW, and possibly with other organizations as well.

Councilor Exner proposed waiving the VFW's reservation fee.

After discussion, the Council determined the best course of action would be to co-sponsor the event with the VFW for this particular year. The Council also noted the importance of avoiding setting a precedent of waiving fees. The **City Attorney** also cautioned avoiding the appearance of making a speech content-related decision to waive fees. In response to **Councilor Walker**, it was also noted that the event would not include political speeches.

Moved by Carl Exner

Waive the \$200 fee for reserving Centennial Plaza.

NOT SECONDED

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Don Hokanson

Co-sponsor the VFW's Veterans Day ceremony in Centennial Plaza this year.

CARRIED. 7-0

Ayes: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood,
Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, and Don
Hokanson

11. Report from the City Manager

- The application period for Round 2 of the Covered Structures program will open soon
- A fireworks display event will occur at the high school on October 29th
- A storybook trail is underway at Bluff Park
- The Council will consider changes to the parks code at the next meeting
- A homelessness policy work session is forthcoming soon
- A wastewater project communications work session is also forthcoming soon
- A work session on 362nd and Bell is also upcoming

12. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson

- Importance of meaningfully exploring wastewater alternatives other than discharging to the Sandy River
- Importance of including a fresh water source exploration project in the requests for additional ARPA funds

Councilor Exner

- Recent Bull Run CPO meeting, and the need for more strategic communications inside and outside the city

Councilor Walker

- Importance of communicating especially with Sandy ratepayers, and consideration of their interests was wastewater system project options are evaluated
- Desire for assurance that changes to the parks code will lead to successful implementation of the Parks and Trails Master Plan

Councilor Sheldon

- Agreement on the importance of prioritizing Sandy ratepayers
- Importance of coordinating Councilors' advocacy efforts in the interest of local control

Councilor Smallwood

- Agreement on the importance of prioritizing Sandy ratepayers
- Acknowledgement that cost is not the only consideration for wastewater project options

Council President Pietzold

- Benefits of contracting with a government relations firm
- Desire to use ARPA funds for part of the Special Service Contract Program allocations, though funds need to be spent within city limits
- Traffic concerns and U-turn safety at the Ten Eyck / Hwy 26 intersection
- Desire for a work session with ODOT
- Efforts continue on the initial stages of an economic development strategic plan

Mayor Pulliam

- Importance of shovel-ready projects to secure remaining ARPA funds
- Recent ride-along with police; process for dealing with abandoned RVs
- Advantages of revenue replacement for ARPA funds and the resulting flexibility
- Challenges regarding homelessness and newly-constructed covered structures
- Opportunities regarding wetlands construction with regard to the wastewater project
- Need for a work session with state representatives
- Question of why Portland State's population estimates for Sandy were too low, and concern about potential lost revenue

13. Staff updates

13.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

14. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



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City Recorder, Jeff Aprati