



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2022 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; David Snider, Economic Development Manager; Kelly O'Neill Jr., Development Services Director; Ernie Roberts, Police Chief; and Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager

MEDIA PRESENT: Sandy Post

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. Pleasant Street Master Plan

Staff Report - 0615

The **Development Services Director** and **Economic Development Manager** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Presentation slides were also included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Clarification on the role of the Council versus the Urban Renewal Board with regard to this project
- Existence of multiple possible funding sources for this project
- Discussion regarding the relative expense of undergrounding utilities versus other project components
- Clarification that Alt Avenue would not be realigned under the latest plan draft
- Discussion on whether reversing traffic flow on Alt would be beneficial
- Cost differences between the current plan draft and previous iterations
- Clarification on the 'raised street' concept, and possibilities for holding future events
- Discussion of whether nearby property owners support the proposed concepts

- Cost of undergrounding utilities
- Importance of minimizing disruption of businesses
- Possibilities for implementing only certain segments of the plan area
- Concerns regarding whether the plan as proposed meets the city's needs; concern about much of the plan area being residential
- Note that a significant amount of adjacent property is publicly owned in the central portion of the plan area
- Recognition that the city needs an alternate main street area
- Recognition of the move made by La Bamba
- Possible development opportunities involving existing commercial properties
- Challenges involving property owners who may not be looking to develop
- Concern that a new plaza area is not needed; emphasis on the importance of filling vacant buildings
- Concern regarding spending too much of the urban renewal fund
- Reluctance to make investments unless developer interest is assured
- Importance of tying the Community Campus to downtown; possibilities for including Junker Street
- Recognition that the plan would not necessarily need to be funded to be adopted
- Possibilities for securing grant funding
- Considerations regarding the viability of Alt Avenue realignment
- Importance of creating a 'sense of place'
- Possibilities for adopting code changes that would enact plan goals piecemeal as properties develop

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda
(none)

6. Public Comment

Juan Luna: comments pertained to an incident in August 2022 when his motorized food truck was engaged for an event being held at Fred Meyer. City staff informed Fred Meyer management that motorized food trucks are not allowed per the municipal code. Mr. Luna stated that the event had been advertised in advance, and that his food truck had been approached by two police officers. He stated that the

manager of Fred Meyer asked him to leave and that he lost money. He stated that he received an unsatisfactory response from city staff when he raised concerns about the incident, and that he wants an explanation.

The **City Manager** stated that staff's code enforcement approach is complaint driven, and that staff are expected to respond to enforcement complaints when they are received. He noted that a request for compensation was received and that a response had been delivered from the **Deputy City Manager**.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Clarification on municipal code regulations of motorized versus non-motorized food cards
- History and context regarding the Council's decision to prohibit motorized food trucks in the code
- Requirements for property owners to secure temporary use permits for such events, and the fact that Fred Meyer would have been advised of the pertinent regulations had they sought a permit
- Possible opportunities to amend and clarify the code language in the future

7. **Response to Previous Public Comments**

(none)

8. **Presentation**

8.1. **Economic Development Strategic Plan Update**

Elliot Weiss of Community Attributes Inc. provided an update to the Council on the status of the Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). Presentation slides were included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Clarification on the composition of the EDSP project advisory committee
- Clarification on how job statistics are calculated in the presented data
- Questions about how COVID-19 may have affected the data, and how to model the increasing numbers of remote workers
- Need for more advertisement for Future Fest
- Other opportunities to engage the public
- Request to separate the data for government and education employment

9. **Consent Agenda**

9.1. **City Council Minutes**
September 6, 2022

Moved by Don Hokanson, 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. Report from the City Manager

- Thanks to staff for their work during PGE's recent public safety power shutoff; possibility of inviting PGE representatives to an upcoming meeting
- Reminder on the upcoming LOC conference
 - Possible options for a parks tour on Wednesday 9/28
- Update on camping: police are trained on the City's new regulations, handouts are being developed with information and resources, staff are working on addressing power outlets outside the Library
- Thanks to Parks and Recreation staff for securing the state grant for shelters
- 'No trucks' signs have been installed on Dubarko and Langensand
- Discussion regarding possibilities for wetland restoration projects, perhaps on the south end of town; noxious weed mitigation is also possible
- Note on the extensive advertising underway for Future Fest

11. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson

- PGE should adjust their system to ensure our critical infrastructure is unaffected during public safety power shutoffs

Councilor Exner

- Reminder for residents to help keep fallen leaves out of storm drains
- Concern regarding weeds downtown, especially next to the new health clinic
- Concern regarding the police station sign condition
- Bee City USA signs will be installed soon

Councilor Walker

- Trail crossing signs are needed on Dubarko east of Melissa
- Discussion regarding new holiday light event being planned for Meinig Park; concern regarding cost an budget impact

Councilor Sheldon

- A large need exists to prioritize urban renewal projects and spending

Councilor Smallwood

- Parks and Recreation staff are working on cost recovery strategies
- Importance of division between council and staff roles

Council President Pietzold

- Community Attributes Inc will be on site in Sandy next week
- Concern regarding trees that were removed in front of US Bank

Mayor Pulliam

- Agreement on the need to prioritize urban renewal projects

12. Staff updates

12.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

13. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati