



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2023 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Chris Mayton, Councilor; Laurie Smallwood, Council President; Richard Sheldon, Councilor; Kathleen Walker, Councilor; Don Hokanson, Councilor; and Stan Pulliam, Mayor

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carl Exner, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT: Ryan Wood, Public Works Superintendent; Jordan Wheeler, City Manager; Jeff Aprati, City Recorder; Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager; Jenny Coker, Public Works Director; Kelly O'Neill Jr., Development Services Director; Angie Welty, Human Resources Director; and Ernie Roberts, Police Chief

MEDIA PRESENT: (none)

1. CITY COUNCIL PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Work Session

Staff Report - 0691

Note: Planning Commissioners Crosby, Myhrum, Wegener, Lee, and Ramseyer were present for the work session.

The **Development Services Director** provided opening remarks and summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Consultants with DKS and MIG were present to deliver the Transportation System Plan project update; their presentation slides were also included in the agenda packet.

Discussion ensued on the following issues:

- The Hwy 211 / Dubarko project includes funding for studies as well as improvements
- Discussion on reasons for the decrease in cost for Hwy 211 / Gunderson
- Discussion on the precise location of needed sidewalks on Bluff Road near Jonsrud Viewpoint
- Location of new sidewalk on 362nd Ave south of Industrial Way

- Discussion of whether to explicitly include State standards in the plan, versus simply referencing them
- Concern regarding the feasibility of projects with respect to ODOT requirements
- Intentions to ensure the plan is readable and understandable
- Projects are listed in multiple tiers; the Council can consider which projects to include in System Development Charge calculations to keep rates reasonable
- Future aspirational projects may remain in the plan, even if they are not included for purposes of setting new SDC rates
- Corrections: project D21B should be in Package 2 rather than 1; Project P27 should be in Package 1 and the cost should be lower
- Concern that the sidewalk improvements on 362nd Ave are too expensive relative to other priorities like Hwy 211 improvements
 - Note that some of the 362nd costs can be borne by development
 - Note that the scope of needed improvements on Hwy 211 is far greater than can be achieved through sidewalk project reallocation
- Discussion on processes for changing speed limits in the city
- Discussion on the six foot standard for sidewalks, and recognition that many existing sidewalks are not six feet wide
- Note that requirements related to bike infrastructure vary widely across cities
- Note that average daily trip requirements are now explicitly included in the municipal code
- Note on the importance of referencing trails projects in the TSP

The **Mayor** indicated the need to hold a future work session on the possibility of adopting a blanket speed limit across all local streets.

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda
(none)

6. Public Comment
(none)

7. Response to Previous Public Comments
(none)

8. Presentation

8.1. **Government Relations Update**

Update from Nellie deVries on 2023 session of the Oregon Legislature and the City's lobbying priorities.

Ms. deVries summarized the update memorandum that was included in the agenda packet. The verbal update addressed topics including the relatively collegial atmosphere thus far, challenges related to requirements to read bills aloud, receptiveness to our funding request among legislators, scheduled meetings with members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee, possible impacts of the Interstate Bridge project on other funding requests, and possibilities that some funding may be reserved for rural communities. Specific discussion also centered on HB 3414 and its anticipated effects on eroding home rule authority.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. **City Council Minutes**

April 3, 2023

9.2. **Contract Amendment No. 3: Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Services**

Staff Report - 0690

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Don Hokanson

Adopt the consent agenda.

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon,
Kathleen Walker, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Carl Exner

10. New Business

10.1. **2023 Pavement Maintenance Program Construction Contract**

Staff Report - 0688

The Council discussed the reasons for the differing bid amounts submitted. Staff confirmed that Curran-McLeod did review the bids and confirmed that they are responsive. Council discussion also referenced the need for pavement maintenance on Hood and Pleasant Streets.

Moved by Don Hokanson, seconded by Chris Mayton

Accept the low bid of \$550,538.00 with the Knife River Corporation for the 2023 Pavement Maintenance Program Construction Contract and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Knife River Corporation to complete this project.

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon,
Kathleen Walker, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Carl Exner

11. Report from the City Manager

- A \$7 million loan from Business Oregon was secured for the water system project
- A meeting will be held soon with the League of Oregon Cities on the importance on advocating for home rule authority
- The first Budget Committee meeting of the year will occur on 4/20/23

12. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson

(none)

Councilor Walker

- New crosswalk on Bluff Road is complete
- Egg hunt events were successful

Councilor Sheldon

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- Suggestion to consider measures to restrict selling of items within right-of-way medians in the interest of safety

Council President Smallwood

- Parks and Recreation is continuing cost recovery work

Councilor Mayton

- Economic Development Advisory Board voted to recommend the strategic plan for the Council's consideration

Mayor Pulliam

- Met with candidates for the Interim City Manager position and worked with the **City Manager, Human Resources Director**, and **Councilors Smallwood and Hokanson** to discuss recommendations. The current **Deputy City Manager** Tyler Deems is being recommended to serve as Interim City Manager, with the current Director of Policy and Community Relations Jeff Aprati to serve as a strong #2. Work will ensue to develop a draft contract with Mr. Deems, and the subcommittee will help develop desired attributes for the permanent city manager position.

Councilor Sheldon made a motion to accept the subcommittee's interim city manager recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Mayton**. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Staff updates

13.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

14. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati