

CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL  
Council Chambers  
Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
7:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dan Bedore called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bedore led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Sharon Konopa, Ralph Reid, Jr., Floyd Collins, Dick Olsen, and Jeff Christman  
Councilors absent: Bessie Johnson

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Building Safety Week Award.

Assistant Building Official Melanie Adams presented the Safe Neighborhood Award to Don Ward for his renovation of Cottage Court. She said Ward is committed to affordable housing. Ward thanked the Council and community.

PROCLAMATIONS

Building Safety Week.

Bedore read the proclamation declaring May 5 thru May 11 as Building Safety Week.

Older Americans Month.

Bedore read the proclamation declaring May as the Older Americans Month.

Scott Bond, Director of Senior and Disability Services for Cascade West Council of Government explained that recognition started in the mid 1960s. In the coming years changes in demographics will be significant in Albany. In 2025 it is predicted that the state of Oregon will be the fourth "oldest" state in the nation. Their emphasis this month is "livable communities." He invited the Council to the Aging Well/Living Well Expo on May 14.

Global Love Day.

Bedore read the proclamation declaring May 1, 2008, as Global Love Day.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Public Hearings

Adopting Capital Improvement Program for FY 2008-2009 through 2012-2013.

Bedore opened the public hearing.

Assistant City Engineer Jeff Blaine said staff had received no questions or comments on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

No one else wished to speak.

Bedore closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Collins moved to adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2008-2009 through 2012-2013 as presented. Councilor Christman seconded the motion and it passed 5-0, and was declared Resolution No. 5591.

Economic Improvement District (EID) in Downtown Albany, forming/extending a five-year EID.

Bedore opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

City Manager Wes Hare explained that the program is voluntary.

Rick Rogers, Albany Downtown Association (ADA) Director, 1530 Broadway, explained to the Council that the map of the EID area is being updated and he will get it to them as soon as possible. He mentioned that this extension would be for a five year program rather than three years as it was. Rogers said he has had talks with property owners who are enthusiastic about the ADA and the EID. The ADA works with the City's Urban Renewal districts and the Albany Visitors Association, and recruits businesses to the area. The EID makes up 50 percent of their funding. They also operate Parkwise, but it's funding is separate under a contract with the City. He said that their current EID is being used as an example by other cities. The ADA is planning a kick off for Main Street USA on Monday April 28 and is deeply involved with the carousel and finding grants for a building to house it. He named the board members and City staff involved with the association.

No one else wished to speak.

Bedore closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Christman asked, what are the rates for the primary and secondary areas? Rogers said it is four cents per square foot of property for the primary and two cents per square foot of property for the secondary.

MOTION: Councilor Reid moved to adopt the resolution setting a second public hearing for the purpose of considering a downtown voluntary Economic Improvement District. Councilor Konopa seconded the motion and it passed 5-0, and was declared Resolution 5592.

#### Business from the Public

Bill Root, representing the North Albany Neighborhood Association (NANA) said they have become part of an "Adopt a Road Program" through Benton County. The road they have adopted is North Albany Road. He encouraged the City of Albany to get involved in programs in North Albany. He mentioned that Benton County will erect a sign on their behalf. They need a supply of reflective vests (the Albany Police Department has surplus vests that may be used) and a sign that trash pickup is occurring. They are in the process of scheduling a first work date and it will probably be done quarterly.

#### First Reading of Ordinance

##### Amending AMC Chapter 3.14, Transient Room Tax, and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Jim Delapoer read for the first time in title only "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) 3.14, "TRANSIENT ROOM TAX" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

MOTION: Reid moved to have the ordinance read again in title only. Konopa seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Delapoer read the ordinance for a second time in title only.

MOTION: Reid moved to adopt the ordinance. Konopa seconded the motion and it passed 5-0, and was declared Ordinance No. 5692.

#### Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
  - a) February 25, 2008, City Council Work Session
  - b) March 12, 2008, City Council Meeting
  - c) April 7, 2008, City Council Work Session

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

#### Personnel Requests

##### Reclassification of Ambulance Billing Specialist II position.

MOTION: Reid moved to approve the reclassification of an Ambulance Billing Specialist II position to Ambulance Billing Specialist III, effective May 1, 2008. Konopa seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

##### Reclassification of Park Maintenance Aide position.

MOTION: Reid moved to approve the reclassification of a Park Maintenance Aide position to a Park Maintenance II position effective May 1, 2008. Konopa seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Reports

Receiving Code Enforcement Team Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Management Assistant/Public Information Officer Marilyn Smith said they have 20 closed cases. They expect a cleanup of the Hackleman area by May 10.

There was some discussion regarding specific properties.

Update on the contract sale of the Archibald property.

Assistant Public Works Director-Operations Mike Wolski gave a quick review to the Council. He said a map of the easements was in the Council agenda and he explained the 20-foot temporary construction easement with a turnaround, the 10-foot wide permanent easement along the canal, and a 10-foot wide permanent easement located on the east side of Burkhart Creek. The 50-foot easement would become a 60-foot easement. The appraisal for the canal easements were completed in the first week of March 2008 and sent to the City. The appraised value is \$12,000. The Koo's total offer for the Archibald property is \$1,101,000, paid in the form of the canal easements and cash. The City also has \$5,000 in earnest money from the Koo's. The remaining cash due is \$1,084,000.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Reid attended a League of Oregon Cities meeting that discussed a requirement from the Department of Environment Quality to monitor greenhouse gases emitted from wastewater facilities. Staff plans to monitor the situation. He reported that the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) is finalizing a Memo of Understanding for water from Dexter Reservoir.

Bedore provided a packet of information on the state's discussions and procedures for placing psychiatric patients in communities (in agenda file). He wants to keep the Council up to date regarding what the state is looking at. He provided examples of what discussions were taking place, including notification of the release of people into the community, building security standards, and a review of how they are currently siting group homes.

Konopa suggested using GIS for the siting of homes to locate transitional type neighborhoods that could absorb those types of homes easier. Councilor Olsen disagreed, saying they should not site these types of homes in small cities.

Collins believes cities need to go back to the state legislature to change the policy.

Hare asked the Council to suggest a date to meet with the Albany Boys & Girls Club on a Monday during a regular work session. The Council agreed to May 19 at the Boys & Girls Club facility.

Hare said there will be a dedication of new fire equipment on Saturday, at 10:00 a.m., at Station 12.

Hare said the Procession of the Species parade will be on Saturday.

Smith mentioned that there were new maps in the drawers at the Council dais.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next City Council Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. The next Regular Session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Betty Langwell, CMC  
City Clerk

John Stahl  
Assistant Finance Director