

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Konopa led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Jeff Christman, Ralph Reid, Jr., Floyd Collins, Dick Olsen, Bill Coburn, and Bessie Johnson

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Communications

Invitation to the Seventh Anniversary of Patriot Day on September 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., Linn County Courthouse front steps.

Konopa said that the American Legion would be hosting a Patriot Day on Friday, September 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Linn County Courthouse and encouraged everyone to come.

Accepting a letter of resignation from Marian Anderson from the Human Relations Commission.

MOTION: Councilor Johnson moved to accept the letter of resignation from Marian Anderson from the Human Relations Commission and thank her for her participation. Councilor Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Public Hearing

WWTP-08-02, Wetlands Treatment Project, exempting project from competitive bidding process and approving an alternate contracting method.

Staff Report

City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Mark Shepard explained that staff was requesting the use of the alternate contracting method, by selection of the General Contractor through a competitive, qualifications-based Request for Proposal (RFP) process, due to the critical importance of this environmental project and the need for a timely start of construction by February 17, 2010. The project is complex and includes a relatively high level of engineering and construction expertise that must be quickly mobilized to begin construction activity. Council approval of the RFP process will save time and allow the contractor to come on board earlier and partner with the City engineers.

Councilor Collins asked, is this the same process as used on the North Albany pipeline? Shepard said, yes. Collins said he estimated that there was a \$1,000,000 savings on that project.

City Manager Wes Hare said staff is not asking for the project to be exempted from a competitive process, just to consider awarding on more criteria than price.

Collins said this process went to the Albany/Millersburg Joint Management Committee and they approved it.

Shepard said there is a clear process about criteria and how proposals will be evaluated. It is a time sensitive project.

Public Hearing

Konopa opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Konopa closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Deliberation

City Attorney Jim Delapoer asked that the language “ and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the proposed exemption from competitive bidding and approves the alternative contracting method referred to as Construction Manager/General Contractor as described herein.” Be added to the motion and resolution.

MOTION: Collins moved to adopt the resolution with the added language suggested by Delapoer. Reid seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5840.

Business from the Public

There was none.

First Reading of Ordinance

Levying assessments against property specifically benefited by sewer and water connections and the assessment of sewer, water, parks, and transportation system development charges for property described as Tax Lot 4900, Parcel 11S-03W-17AA, site address 2433 Bain Court SE; and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Jim Delapoer read for the first time in title only “AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY BENEFITED BY SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF SEWER, WATER, PARKS, AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAX LOT 4900, PARCEL 11S-03W-17AA, SITE ADDRESS 2433 BAIN COURT SE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

MOTION: Reid moved to have the ordinance read a second time in title only. Councilor Christman seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

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

MOTION: Reid moved to adopt the ordinance. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Ordinance No. 5840.

Adoption of Resolution

Approving exemption from the competitive bidding process for the purchase of one new fire engine through an existing contract with Jackson County Fire District No. 3 and Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution approving the exemption from the competitive bidding process for the purchase of one new fire engine through an existing contract with Jackson County Fire District No. 3 and Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. Councilor Coburn seconded the motion.

Fire Chief John Bradner explained that they would be purchasing on another agency’s contract that went through a competitive bid process.

Delapoer explained the legal requirements for “piggy backing” on another agency’s contract.

Finance Director Stewart Taylor explained that in order for the City to participate, the original contract needed to include specific language to allow the City or others to piggyback. With that language the original contract becomes very attractive and becomes very competitive.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion and it passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 5841.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) April 20, 2009, CIP Work Session.
 - b) July 6, 2009, Work Session.
 - c) August 12, 2009, City Council.
 - d) August 17, 2009, Work Session.
- 2) Accepting a Target Corporation donation for \$1,000 for the Albany Police Department crime prevention and education Anti-Car Prowl campaign. RES. NO. 5842

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Collins seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Reid suggested the Council create an Airport Advisory Committee to work with staff for maintenance on the Albany Airport. The Council agreed to bring it to a work session for discussion.

Reid would like a discussion about removing traffic signals, with no speed limits, and no traffic markings on Albany streets. A similar program was initiated in the Netherlands and it seems to have been successful. They found that the accident rate had dropped dramatically.

Reid would like regular reports on canal flowage; how much power is being generated; and how much money the City is receiving, on a quarterly basis.

Collins complimented the Parks & Recreation Department on the Air & Art Festival.

Coburn asked the Council to consider an Affordable Housing Task Force. One concern he has been contacted about are the System Development Charges, and a focus on in-fill projects that could generate incentives.

Coburn believes that signs could be put up without approval from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) at Main Street and at Sherman Street. The Pacific Boulevard Project is getting bogged down and he feels something should be done immediately. Collins agreed and believes it would increase safety without being a detriment to the long term analysis. But, he doubts that ODOT would buy into only having signs there.

Shepard said the ODOT project will be coming to the Council's next meeting. If the question is whether the City can go out now and put signs up, he believes the answer is yes. If it doesn't need ODOT approval, it could be done quickly.

MOTION: Councilor Olsen moved to erect traffic signs as proposed by staff, restricting movement at Main Street and Sherman Street at Pacific Boulevard. Coburn seconded the motion.

Delapoer added that if staff concludes that the action would be unlawful, they will bring it back to the Council.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion and it passed 5-1, with Reid voting no.

There was Council discussion regarding the Takena Park wading pool. Hare said efforts are being put forth to retain the wading pool. Staff will bring a report at a future meeting.

Konopa said she has been notified that the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference needs a voting delegate from the City of Albany.

MOTION: Christman moved to have Johnson be the voting delegate at the LOC conference and Christman to be the alternate. Collins seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Hare explained that he has formed an internal Budget Task Force to kick off the budget process earlier than last year. It is at staff level and hopefully they will be able to identify ideas that might be implemented in the upcoming year. Finance Director Stewart Taylor will head that task force.

Hare said he would be gone next week attending the ICMA Management Conference.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next City Council Work Session is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Court Room of the Albany City Hall.

The next City Council Regular Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Betty Langwell, MMC
City Clerk

Stewart Taylor
Finance Director