

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL (WORK SESSION)
Municipal Court Room
Monday, July 20, 2009
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sharon Konopa called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilors absent: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no business from the public.

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

City Manager Wes Hare said staff hopes to have the Strategic Plan (SP) adopted in time to be included in the Budget document for submission for the Government Financial Officer's Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award application.

Management Systems Director Bob Woods projected the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on a screen for reference during the Council's review of the SP.

Hare noted that the Mission and Vision statements have not changed since the SP was created. The Values have also been in place for awhile. The Goals and Objectives have been changed to represent what is actually doable in this economy. The objectives are more precise and measurable.

Staff and the Council began the review of the SP. The following changes were made:

Throughout document

- Remove the word "priority" from in front of "goal"

Great Neighborhoods

- Remove the word "all" from Great Neighborhoods objective, Priority Goal 1
- Pg. 6, 10.6. Reword so that Albany Downtown Association (ADA) compliance applies to any project in the CIP (not just those listed)
- Pg. 7, Objective 10.7. Actions, first sentence: "Measure and monitor the number of rides provided to citizens."
- Pg 10, 10.12. Remove "acquire by purchase"

Safe City

- Pg. 11, Objective 10.14. Actions, first sentence: "Consider fire sprinklers in residential mixed-use and commercial occupancies..."
- Pg. 11, Objective 10.15. Actions, second sentence: "Consider a single-family residential fire sprinkler ordinance."
- Pg 12, 10.17. Suggest using "new technologies like Red Light" to meet this goal
- Pg. 13, Table, Objective 10.22. Provide audio/visual connectivity to Fire Stations and move the January 2010 text to the FY 2010 box
- Pg 14, 10.24 in table. Discussed moving Police & Fire to front of list, to alleviate the public perception that these are not important based on their location in the document
- Discussed listing the goal "Safe City" first in the SP

Healthy Economy

- Pg. 17. All references to the acronym for Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corporation should be AMEDC
- Pg 18, Priority Goal 3. Discussed changing "jobs" to "family-wage jobs"

Effective Government

- Pg 20. Include a template created by Finance for franchise holders to use in reporting
- Pgs. 24-27. Add TMDL and wetlands to list

City is engaged in that are interesting, but that are not core activities. He said, we want to show the Council and the community that we are working on them at some level even though they are not part of the Goals and Strategies.

Parks & Recreation Director Ed Hodney added that some of the items in this section are Parks & Recreation Department activities that are performed on a daily basis in order to reach ultimate goals. These things take a lot of time and attention and this is a great way to acknowledge for citizens and staff what other important work is being done.

DIRECTION: The Council directed staff to make the corrections and bring the SP back for adoption.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Dick Olsen said it appears that high-speed rail will be stopping in Albany. He handed Olsen a copy of an article titled "ODOT Intercity Passenger Rail Study" (see agenda file). He noted that there is a full report online at: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RAIL/docs/Passenger/Draft_ODOT_Intercity_Passenger_Rail_Study.pdf

Councilor Floyd Collins asked if the Linn Avenue at Eads Park improvement issues that neighbors complained about have been resolved. The City vacated a portion of Linn Avenue and a portion that wasn't in the right-of-way (ROW) was encroached, so it created a logistics problem. Public Works Director Diane Taniguchi-Dennis replied that staff talked to the neighbors and learned they had been using the public ROW for parking. Also, they do not like the concrete that was poured. Hodney commented that after several conversations he believed this had already been resolved. Taniguchi-Dennis and Hodney will meet to discuss the neighbor's concerns further.

Collins said he has routed the draft health reform resolution and gave it, including comments from Councilors, to staff to prepare for the next Council meeting. Konopa said she has a draft resolution on health care reform from the JS Conference of Mayors which she will also provide at the next meeting.

Collins will be out of town during the August 3, 2009, meeting, but would like to have telephone access in order to attend the Executive Session.

Konopa said it was nice to see thousands of folks attending the Linn County Fair during these tough economic times. The event was well attended and the amenities we provide at Timber Linn Park, right next to the fairgrounds, are very nice.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

There was no report from the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Dibble, MMC
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by,

Stewart Taylor
Finance Director