

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Konopa led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Rich Kellum, Bill Coburn, Ray Kopczynski, Dick Olsen, and Floyd Collins.

Councilors absent: Councilor Bessie Johnson was excused.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Legislative Public Hearing

CP-01-16, Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to the Transportation System Plan.

Konopa said the next agenda item is a legislative public hearing regarding CP-01-16, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to the Transportation System Plan (TSP).

Konopa opened the legislative public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Konopa said for those wishing to testify there is a signup sheet at the table.

Staff Report

Planner II Melissa Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation (see agenda file). She explained that the decision making criteria for a Comprehensive Plan amendment are under Albany Development Code (ADC) 2.220(1-2). The City Council initiated the action on March 9, 2016. Legal notices were completed on May 10, 2016, and the newspaper notice was published on June 8, 2016.

There was no one on the signup sheet (see agenda file).

Anderson said this will amend the Transportation System Plan (TSP) by extending Somerset Avenue to Timberidge Street and will update the funding list.

Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish described the four reasons to change the TSP: 1) to provide a better connection to neighborhoods; 2) to provide for a potential new development to the north with a secondary vehicle connection; 3) since the alignment is over the top of a sanitary sewer main, this new road will allow maintenance access to the main; and 4) it would be easier to justify to the Division of State Lands (DSL), creating a road through wetlands when it is listed in the TSP.

Anderson explained criteria 1 and 2 as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the application.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski asked if the potential development that was being considered in the area did not go through because of this access issue. Irish said that Myles Breadner was interested in the property, but he is awaiting the outcome of this decision. Irish said that Breadner is following the TSP process carefully.

Konopa said, if anyone wishes to enter an exhibit into the record as part of your testimony, please briefly describe the exhibit and present it to the City Clerk.

Konopa asked, does anyone wish to testify on the proposed amendments? No one did.

Konopa asked, does any staff member wish to respond to any testimony presented? No one did.

Konopa asked, does anyone have procedural questions they would like to raise at this time? No one did.

Konopa closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

City Attorney Jim Delapoer read the ordinance for the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4447, WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF ALBANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND MAP BY AMENDING THE ALBANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to have the ordinance read for the second time in title only. Councilor Bill Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilor Bill Coburn seconded it. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Ordinance No. 5874.

Konopa said, a legislative decision of the City Council may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals by filing a Notice of Intent to Appeal not later than 21 days after the decision becomes final.

Konopa said, within five days of the adoption of an amended or new land use regulation, the Director shall forward to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) a copy of the adopted text and findings and notify the DLCD of any substantial change which may have occurred in the proposal since any previous notification to the DLCD.

Business from the Public

Paul Edminister, 1973 Wright Place, Albany, said he wants to have a micro pig, which is another name for a pot-belly pig. He spoke to Public Information Officer/Management Assistant Marilyn Smith who informed him that it was not allowed by the Albany Municipal Code (AMC). He wants to get the AMC changed so he can have a pig that would be less than 25 lbs. Konopa said the Council will check with staff to see how other cities regulate pot-belly pigs. Discussion followed about the mannerisms and care of pot-belly pigs.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) June 20, 2016, Work Session minutes.
 - b) June 22, 2016, Regular Session minutes.

MOTION: Coburn moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Rich Kellum seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Reports

City flag contest update.

Smith gave a presentation that described the flag designs and how the contest was conducted (see agenda file). The flags were narrowed down from 40 to the 5 flags in the presentation. Design No. 3 was the winner in the public survey.

[Cole Pouliot](#) from West Albany High School (WAHS) was in the audience for questions.

Kellum said that he is torn because he is not sure he wants to pick a flag; he doesn't think any of these flags represent Albany. He asked if the flag chosen will be flown officially, or only for special occasions. He asked how they know what the flag is supposed to represent. Discussion followed.

Kopczynski said he has enjoyed the process and has no problem picking a flag tonight. To Kellum's comments, Kopczynski said he thinks the flag they choose will grow on them and will come to be identified with Albany. Discussion followed about how other cities use their city flags.

Coburn said he has no issue with declaring the winner based on the public survey.

Hare noted that staff has invested a lot of time on this contest and he hopes that the Council will select one tonight.

Kopczynski suggested that a small flag could be made to present to the winner.

MOTION: Collins moved to select Design No. 3 as the City Flag. Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

[Pouliot](#) said this is the flag that was created by the Vexillological Association. Their intent was to be creative; they don't necessarily want the prize money. The students had already decided that if they won that they would donate the \$100 back to the City as seed money for the flag program. The name of the flag is "Confluence and Crossroads."

Smith said it was an interesting process and she is pleased with the choice.

ST-13-04, Main Street Reconstruction property transfer.

Engineering Manager Staci Belcastro Staci said staff worked on this transfer with the understanding that the property would be deeded to the property owner.

MOTION: Collins moved to authorize the transfer of property for Main Street reconstruction. Kopczynski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

ODOT Funding for Pedestrian Sidewalks

Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director Jeff Blaine recalled that at a Work Session they discussed that the City has been bumped from some ODOT funding for pedestrian crossing improvements. Blaine had asked Council if they were still interested in pursuing improvements if staff could identify funding. Council had asked staff to bring back all the possible crossings.

Blaine provided two maps to show the five different locations for proposed lighted crossings locations (see agenda file). Blaine said when considering available reserves in the budget, Public Works thinks they think they could accomplish 2-3 of the crossings. Collins asked when the next ODOT cycle of money would be available; Blaine said it is a three-year cycle for this particular funding. Blaine explained how it is based on crash data for specific timeframes. Discussion followed about the crash history at the various locations.

Konopa discussed the kids who were crossing near schools on Ermine Street. She wonders how to rank the crossings by priority. Irish said that when applying for grants, staff looks for projects that will look good to ODOT. Therefore, staff looked for corridors where there were crossings, and which of those had actual crashes.

The Council discussed the cost of a typical installation.

Kellum said there is one crossing where a child was hit, and that is the one they should focus on. Coburn agreed with Kellum. He said, if we have the money, we should do the one on Grand Prairie and the one on Waverly Drive.

Hare said, we designed these projects based on what we thought we could get from ODOT. He asked, would it be better to have Irish analyze what the Council believes to be the most appropriate crossings that are the biggest threat to pedestrians? Rather than prioritizing based on what looks good to ODOT, they would be prioritizing on what the City would consider most important. Discussion followed about why staff presented it this way in terms of what ODOT looks for.

Collins thinks that having a pedestrian crossing component in the CIP would be a valid approach. Then the City could submit applications if funding becomes available. For example, the North Albany Road gets used a lot. The objective is to protect the pedestrians.

Konopa noted that the crosswalk on the map showing 34th Avenue and Columbus Street is circled; a pedestrian light may or may not help in that location, but something needs to be done at that intersection.

MOTION: Kellum moved to select Project Location 2, Waverly Drive crossing to Grand Prairie Park, and to have staff prioritize additional crossing locations and funds in a manner that creates the safest avenues for pedestrian crossings. Coburn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Floyd Collins asked Hare for an update on the recruitment process. Hare said he had not been very involved and is letting Human Resources (HR) handle it. Hare said the HR Director told him that he spoke with the consultant the Council selected, and they suggested meeting with the Council after the first of the year. Discussion followed about whether it was appropriate for this Council or the next one, to make the hiring decision.

Collins said if they wait until after January to have their first discussions with the consultants, they will compress the time. He likes the school district's hiring process where they met with the public. He thinks that the Council should meet with the consultant early in order to at least discuss the process, although he has no issue with the future Council making other decisions. Discussion followed. The Council concurred that they would like to meet the consultants in November.

Hare discussed his recent trip to China.

Konopa spoke about the ground-breaking ceremonies at the new Police Station and Fire Station 11.

Konopa spoke about the Fun in the Park event at Swanson Park. There were 300 kids. Parks & Recreation did a great job coordinating the event.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: A Work Session on Monday, August 22, 2016; and a Regular Session on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary A. Dibble, MMC
City Clerk

Jorge Salinas
Assistant City Manager/CIO