



MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: July 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Konopa led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Rich Kellum, Bill Coburn, Alex Johnson II, Dick Olsen, and Mike Sykes

Councilors absent: Councilor Bessie Johnson was excused.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Proclamations

- 1) Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Konopa read the proclamation.

- 2) Older Americans Month.

Konopa read the proclamation.

Special Presentations

- 1) Human Relations Commission annual report.

Stephanie Newton, Chair of the Human Relations Commission (HRC), reviewed the annual report in the council packet. She spoke about tentative upcoming events and the history of the commission.

Konopa thanked Newton for a well-done report.

- 2) 2018 Human Relations Awards presented by the Human Relations Commission.

Newton said the HRC award recognizes individuals and Albany organizations or businesses that have worked to strengthen connections within Albany's diverse community.

Newton said Elizabeth Pakravan was chosen as the recipient for the HRC Award in the individual category and was presented with a glass award. South Albany Community Church won in the organization category and was presented with a glass award. Runners up were Sue Goodman, Tammy Skubinna, Patricia Kenyon, Albany Antique Mall, and Family Tree Relief Nursery.

Pastor Jim Saemenes from South Albany Community Church spoke about the activities the church is involved in. They believe in bringing life to Albany.

Pakravan moved from Paraguay four years ago and works at Linn Benton Community College. She focuses on inclusiveness and opportunities and is pleased to serve.

Public Hearing

- 1) Construction of Timber Ridge Street Bridge at Burkhart Creek Local Improvement District (LID).

There was a letter dated May 22, 2019, from Hayden Homes, regarding the proposed Timber Ridge Street bridge LID (see agenda file).

Open: Konopa opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Development Services Manager Matthew Ruetters said the engineer's report and financial investigation has been prepared. The bridge is in the Transportation System Plan. The need to construct stems from development planned and currently occurring on both sides of the bridge. Properties to the south have signed a petition and waiver, and properties to the north will have that as a condition of partition they are currently going through.

Mark Grenz, 1155 13th Street SE, Salem, represents the property owners. He has been talking to City staff about the bridge and the LID. He asked the council to hold off on the decision to allow more time to come up with a development agreement which will facilitate private construction.

A signup sheet was available for the public (see agenda file).

No one wished to speak.

Close: Konopa closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Alex Johnson II moved to postpone the decision until June 26, 2019, and Councilor Rick Kellum seconded it.

Discussion followed about how this would work. It is in the best interest of all parties involved to figure out how to build the bridge without the City. The motive behind moving forward with the LID was the hopes that developers would come together to plan this. The delay is not significant.

VOTE: The motion passed 5-0.

Business from the Public

7:37 p.m.

Ray Hilts, 2728 Foxglove Loop, spoke about House Bill (HB) 770, regarding health care in Oregon. He said Colorado and Vermont voted to have single-payer health care for their state; however, financing of the program was not instituted because the legislature did not come up with a solution. He described what HB 770 does and the research on the single-payer system. Hilts read portions of several documents related to HB 770. Hilts did not turn the items in for the record.

Hilts wants the council to support a resolution supporting HB 770. He represents the Albany chapter of Healthcare for All of Oregon. Discussion followed about single-payer and insurance costs.

Lance Caddy, from Lebanon, is a retired physician. He is concerned about 5G. Portland told Verizon they could not install 5G until they address the health impacts. He distributed a document containing six websites related to 5G health risks (see agenda file). He is concerned about the unknown long-term consequences. He would like cities in the mid-Willamette valley to do a joint resolution.

Michael Fox, 520 19th Street NW, works for T-Mobile. He said the major carriers are defining 5G in different ways and exploring the technology in different ways also. He encouraged them that if they have concerns, to explore them completely.

Camron Settlemeir said reassigning appointment for boards and commissions is wrong, especially for the Landmarks Advisory Commission (LAC). Settlemeir read from a document. He said appointing people who might tear down historic buildings, our historic heritage, goes against the purpose and scope of the LAC. He spoke about the duties of the LAC and councilors who have shown bias. He did not turn the document in for the record.

Second Reading of Ordinance

8:05 p.m.

- 1) Amending the Albany Municipal Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel, modifying the residency requirement, increasing the membership for select bodies, and reassigning appointment duties for the City's boards and commissions.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the second time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECTIONS OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, THAT RELATE TO THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; MODIFYING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE; INCREASING MEMBERSHIP FOR SELECT BODIES; AND REASSIGNING APPOINTMENT(?) DUTIES.

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the resolution and Johnson II seconded it.

Councilor Dick Olsen stated why he would be voting no. It is unnecessary and the mayor has done an excellent job with appointments.

VOTE: The motion passed 4-1, with Olsen voting no, and was designated Ordinance No. 5928.

Adoption of Resolutions

8:07 p.m.

- 1) Modifying appointment procedures for City boards, commissions, and committees; establishing a residency requirement for all future appointments; and repealing Resolution Nos. 5678 and 5747.

Konopa said this puts her in an uncomfortable position and explained why. She is concerned that many volunteers on boards, committees, and commissions do not know about this proposed change. She hopes a letter will be sent to explain the changes.

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the resolution and Johnson II seconded it. The motion passed 4-1 with Olsen voting no and was designated Resolution No. 6797.

- 2) Reassigning appointment duties for certain positions on City boards and commissions.

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the resolution and Johnson II seconded it. The motion passed 4-1 with Olsen voting no and was designated Resolution No. 6798.

- 3) Supporting an application to the State of Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management Grant Program to assist with development of a land use and transportation plan for east Albany.

MOTION: Johnson II moved to adopt the resolution and Councilor Mike Sykes seconded it. The motion passed 5-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6799.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

8:10 p.m.

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) April 22, 2019, City Council Work Session.
 - b) April 24, 2019, City Council Meeting.
- 2) Adoption of Resolutions
 - a) Accepting a 15-foot-wide water easement over a relocated water line in exchange for releasing the existing easement over the abandoned section of water line, SI-19-10, Linn County Tax Lot No. 11S03W18B 00900. RES. NO. 6800
 - b) Releasing a portion of a 15-foot-wide water easement over an abandoned water line in exchange for obtaining an easement over a new relocated section of water line, SI-19-10, Linn County Tax Lot No. 11S03W18B 00900. RES. NO. 6801
- 3) Reclassification request for Recreation Aide from salary grade A101 Step B to A103 Step A, effective February 1, 2019.

Councilor Alex Johnson asked for changes to the minutes, noting his name as Alex Johnson II. This change will be made to minutes going forward.

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the Consent Calendar with the changes to the minutes described. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Award of Bids

8:14 p.m.

- 1) WTP-18-01, Vine Street Water Treatment Plant Accelerator Improvements in the amount of \$864,600.00 to McClure and Sons, Inc.

City Engineer Staci Belcastro said staff recommends that the council approve this project. This is for various improvements to two accelerators, which are solids compact classifiers.

MOTION: Sykes moved to award the bid to McClure and Sons, Inc, in the amount of \$864,600. Kellum seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

- 2) SS-17-01, Cox Creek Interceptor Improvements in the amount of \$4,476,379 to K & E Excavation, Inc.

Belcastro said this is Phase 1 of the project. There were two bids. She described the pipe and its location.

MOTION: Sykes moved to award the bid to K & E, for \$4,476,379. Kellum seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Appointment

Appointing Peter de Carteret to the Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION: Kellum moved to approve the appointment. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

8:17 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson invited the council to a farewell reception for Pawida Bualert from Thailand and Juvelyn Bonina-Pamong from the Philippines.

NEXT MEETING DATES

- Monday, June 10, 2019; 4:00 p.m. Work Session
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019; 7:15 p.m. Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary Dibble
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

Note: Staff handouts referred to in the minutes as (see agenda file) are available on the website in the "Staff Handouts" column.