



**MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
Regular Session  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
**Approved: March 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sharon Konopa called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilors absent: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Konopa recognized Library Director Ed Gallagher, who was attending his last council meeting before retiring. Gallagher was responsible for implementing many new programs at the libraries over the course of his career, notably the Dolly Parton Reading Program.

Konopa thanked retiring Police Chief Mario Lattanzio. Lattanzio's accomplishments include the new police station and obtaining Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) accreditation.

City Manager Peter Troedsson thanked Gallagher and Lattanzio for their leadership in their respective departments.

PROCLAMATION

- a. Four Chaplains Sunday

The mayor read the proclamation.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

**7:24 p.m.**

- a. Approving application for grant funds for public restroom at multimodal station.

Public Works Operations Director Chris Bailey said that in December, she and Oregon Department of Transportation Regional Transit Coordinator Mark Bernard presented to the concept of construction of a new public restroom at the train station to the council. Bailey provided background as outlined in the staff report.

Bernard spoke about opportunities for ODOT support of grant applications from the City for ongoing maintenance of the facilities. Eventually the operating costs would fall to the city, but there could be several years' funding through the grants. There are pros and cons, but if the council wants to proceed, there isn't another way to construct it for little to no cost.

There was discussion about the various transit services that use the station as a transfer point. There are ways to design the restroom to minimize the impacts of those who misuse the facilities.

Konopa pointed out that there are other costs to the city as well, like demand on police services.

MOTION: Councilor Rich Kellum moved to approve the resolution and Alex Johnson II seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Res. No. 6851.

- b. Levying assessments for sewer connection and system development charges at 3502 David Avenue NE.

**7:45 p.m.**

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager said this is a standard SDC agreement. The City's interest rate is 6.55 percent.

MOTION: Councilor Mike Sykes moved to approve the resolution and Johnson II seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Res. No. 6852.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**7:46 p.m.**

- a. Accepting Matthew Koopman's resignation from the TLT Advisory Committee.
- b. Appointments to citizen advisory groups.
- c. Approval of minutes
  - 1) December 2, 2019, work session.
  - 2) December 16, 2019, work session.
- d. Adoption of resolution
  - 1) Appointing municipal court judges pro tem and repealing Resolution No. 6769. RES NO. 6853

MOTION: Kellum moved to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Johnson II seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS

- a. Appointment to the Hospital Facility Authority.

MOTION: Sykes moved to appoint Councilor Bessie Johnson to the Hospital Facility Authority. Councilor Bill Coburn seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- b. Appointments to the Audit Committee.

MOTION: Johnson moved to appoint Kellum and Budget Committee Chair Sue Folden to the Audit Committee. Coburn seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- c. Appointments to outside agency boards.

Johnson said she will keep looking for a Tree Commission appointment.

MOTION: Johnson moved to reappoint Councilor Dick Olsen as primary and Transportation System Analyst Ron Irish as alternate on the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation; and to reappoint Kellum to the Linn County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. Coburn seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

REPORT

- a. Public Safety Operating Levy.

**7:55 p.m.**

Troedsson said if the City renews the public safety levy at the current rate of \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, it will make no progress towards funding gaps due to compression and inflation. The council discussed the funding gap and the rate.

MOTION: Johnson moved to put public safety levy renewal on the May 2020 ballot using the same rate and same ballot title as for the 2016 levy renewal. Kellum seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Staff will bring back a resolution calling for an election to a meeting in February.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Johnson II noted he met with citizens and he will compile notes to share their concerns.

Troedsson noted the new police chief will be sworn in January 31 at 3:00 p.m.

Troedsson said he met with representatives from Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) to go over details of their agreement with the City. More details can be provided when LBCC President comes to a future work session.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monday, February 10, 2020; 4 p.m. work session

Wednesday, February 12, 2020; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary Dibble  
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager