



MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Regular Session
Council Chambers, City Hall
Approved: February 26, 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.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC **7:15 p.m.**

Sheri Wheeler, 2508 Jackson Street SE, showed slides (see agenda file) and read a proposal for controlling cats in Albany.

Lise Grato of the Albany Downtown Association shared the association's monthly newsletter (see agenda file).

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR **7:31 p.m.**

- a. Appointments to citizen advisory groups.
- b. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) November 6, 2019, work session.
 - 2) December 4, 2019, meeting.
 - 3) January 8, 2020, meeting.
- c. Adoption of Resolutions
 - 1) Appointing city managers pro tem. RES NO. 6854
 - 2) Accepting right-of-way dedication along Queen Avenue. RES NO. 6855
 - 3) Accepting water easement from Kevin and Anna Lake. RES NO. 6856

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Alex Johnson II seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

REPORT

- a. Request to reclassify 1.0 FTE Clerk II position to a Clerk III in Parks & Recreation. **7:32 p.m.**

MOTION: Johnson II moved to approve the request. Councilor Bill Coburn seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL **7:33 p.m.**

MOTION: Johnson II moved to un-freeze the funds being held pending an audit of Linn-Benton Community College spending. Johnson seconded the motion.

MOTION: Councilor Rich Kellum moved to amend the main motion to except a) money spent on compressed gas cylinders and b) money not spent on unneeded welding chambers. Johnson II seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the nature of the program and the partnership.

Deputy City Manager/CIO Jorge Salinas suggested that the council should not lose sight of the overall objective, which is providing industry workers to fill jobs. Local industry is very pleased with the overall outcome.

VOTE: The amendment to the main motion passed 4-2, with Johnson and Councilor Dick Olsen voting no. The main motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Councilor Mike Sykes moved to direct the city attorney to investigate the possibility of making Albany a second-amendment sanctuary city. Kellum seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1, with Olsen voting no.



RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ORS 192.660(2)(e)

The council recessed into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

The council reconvened into regular session at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Johnson II moved to authorize staff to buy properties at 2205 and 2211 Willamette Avenue for
up to \$68,000 each. Kellum seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

MOTION: Sykes moved to authorize staff to put property at 370 Burkhart Street SE on the market. The
motion was seconded and passed 6-0.

MOTION: Kellum moved to not pursue further action on an appeal of LUBA's ruling on the City's case
against Linn County. The motion was seconded, and passed 5-1, with Olsen voting against.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monday, February 24, 2020; 4 p.m. work session

Wednesday, February 26, 2020; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
Deputy City Clerk

Jorge Salinas
Deputy City Manager/CIO