



MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Regular Session
REMOTE

Approved: May 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

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.

PROCLAMATIONS

7:17 p.m.

- a. Arbor Day 2020
The mayor read the proclamation.
- b. Mental Health Month
The mayor read the proclamation.
- c. Global Love Day
The mayor read the proclamation.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

7:23 p.m.

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:25 p.m.

- a. ZC-06-19, 2710 Grand Prairie Road SE
No councilors wished to declare conflicts of interest, *ex parte* contact, or site visits. No councilors wished to abstain. No one challenged the participation of any councilor.

OPEN: Konopa opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Planner II Travis North presented the staff report with Powerpoint slides (see agenda file). He described the Type IV application process. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the application.

Councilor Mike Sykes said one of the public comments received (see agenda file) says the staff report doesn't prove the application meets Statewide Planning Goal 10 requirements. North said staff has talked to the commenter. The Goal 10 analysis was included in a different section of the report than usual.

Councilor Bessie Johnson asked if the easements from the church are irrevocable, in case of change of ownership. The applicant, Peter Seaders of MSS Engineering, said the easements are permanent.

Councilor Dick Olsen asked how many notices were sent to neighbors. Planning Manager David Martineau said 17 notices were sent. The notice area is 300 feet measured from property line to property line.

Olsen asked several questions about development on the site. Konopa reminded the council that there is no development proposal. The council is not allowed to evaluate this application based on a possible development on the site.

Konopa said no one signed up to speak at the hearing. She asked any attendees who wished to speak to unmute themselves and raise a hand. No one did so.

Seaders gave a short presentation about the application (see agenda file).

Konopa said Olsen's concerns are valid, and the council should look at the highest rate of usage allowed in the zone.

CLOSE: Konopa closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4441, WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF ALBANY ZONING MAP, BY AMENDING THE ALBANY ZONING MAP AND ADOPTING FINDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2710 GRAND PRAIRIE ROAD SE; LINN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S MAP NO. 11S-03W-17D TAX LOT 101.

Johnson moved to read the ordinance a second time in title only. Councilor Rich Kellum seconded the motion. The motion failed 5-1, with Olsen voting no. A second reading in title only in the same meeting requires a unanimous vote of the council. This item will come back to the May 13, 2020, council meeting for a second reading.

b. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

8:05 p.m.

OPEN: Konopa opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Management Assistant/Communications Officer Marilyn Smith read a letter submitted by Oregon Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer advocating the use of CDBG funds for rent assistance (see agenda file).

Planner III Anne Catlin showed slides detailing proposed reallocation of CDBG funds and use of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds (see agenda file). The short-term greatest need is food boxes; the greatest medium-term need will be to help people stay housed.

Councilor Alex Johnson II asked why so much more support is going to small businesses than to emergency housing assistance. Catlin said early assistance efforts aimed to try to keep people employed so they could continue to pay rent. The CARES Act money will probably be available by the end of the month.

The council discussed helping local businesses versus helping individuals.

Konopa called on George Matland, who had signed up to speak, but he was not present.

Lieutenant Charles DeJesus, of the Salvation Army, said food boxes in Albany are valued at \$48. \$20,000 in funds would provide just over 400 boxes, fewer than were given out at Christmas this year. Emergency Manager/Safety Officer Chuck Perino thanked the Salvation Army for their support throughout the COVID crisis.

CLOSE: Konopa closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

MOTION: Sykes moved to approve the three remaining resolutions, including the reallocations proposed by Catlin.. Kellum seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0. The resolutions were:

- 1) Adopting a revised Community Development Block Grant citizen participation plan. Resolution No. 6879
- 2) Adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2020 action plan. Resolution No. 6880
- 3) Amending the Community Development Block Grant 2019 action plan as adopted by Resolution No. 6805. Resolution No. 6881
- 4) Amending the Community Development Block Grant 2018-2022 consolidated plan and 2018 action plan as adopted by Resolution No. 6720.
This item was removed from the agenda and will come back to a future meeting.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. Authorizing parks and recreation to accept a collaborative tourism grant from the economic development division.
- b. Approving appropriation of collaborative tourism grant funds.

These items were removed from the agenda.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

SS-19-05-A, Riverfront lift station and force main, Phase 2

8:45 p.m.

Civil Engineer III Chris Cerklewski said the contract is for the second and final phase of the Riverfront lift station project. Funding comes from the Department of Environmental Quality loan to reduce sewer overflows into the Willamette River.

MOTION: Johnson II moved to award the contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, as outlined in the staff report. Kellum seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8:50 p.m.

- a. Approval of minutes
 - 1) March 11, 2020, meeting.
- b. Recommendation to OLCC
 - 1) Approve limited on-premises sales liquor license application, Arellano's Music Parlor, LLC, 329 Second Avenue SW.
- c. Adoption of resolutions
 - 1) Releasing easement, Teledyne Wah Chang. RES NO. 6882
 - 2) Accepting right-of-way dedication, Eugene Freezing & Storage Company. RES NO. 6883
 - 3) Extending workers' compensation coverage to volunteers. RES NO. 6884

Sykes moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

8:51 p.m.

Sykes asked that someone remind drivers of City vehicles to obey speed limits.

City Manager Peter Troedsson asked the council to consider whether they want to delay increases in development code fees until the state resumes normal operations.

Economic Development Manager Seth Sherry said the loan fund the council authorized on March 30 has been exhausted, with money loaned to 15 local businesses. He suggested waiting to offer more money until we have a better idea how much federal assistance will be available.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council recessed to executive session at 9:01 p.m.

RECONVENE

The council reconvened into regular session at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION: Johnson moved to approve the proposed two-year contract with the Albany Police Association. Johnson II seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

MOTION: Kellum moved to approve a temporary ten percent reduction in the city manager's salary through December 31, 2020. The motion was made at Troedsson's request. Sykes seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2020; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
Deputy 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.