



MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2020

Work Session

Remote

Approved: October 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sharon Konopa called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Mayor Sharon Konopa and Councilors Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson, Alex Johnson II, Rich Kellum, Dick Olsen (arrived at 4:17 p.m.), and Mike Sykes

Councilors absent: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

4:04 p.m.

None.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

4:05 p.m.

Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish spoke about two ODOT grants the city could apply for, for work on Geary Street and Queen Avenue. Irish said that the city could apply for both grants but could only receive funding for one. The Traffic Safety Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission both recommend prioritizing the Geary Street application.

Irish said that there has not been an inventory of trees that would be lost by expanding the Geary Street sidewalk. The basic square-foot cost to compensate owners for right-of-way will be very similar although exact compensation will vary depending on property size and existing improvements.

Irish said that the ODOT funds will not allow the city to offer no-cost easements as a part of the Geary project.

After discussion, the council agreed that staff should apply for both grants but give priority to the Geary Street application.

ADU CODE AMENDMENTS

4:33 p.m.

Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director Jeff Blaine gave a brief history of the project.

Councilor Dick Olsen said that he supports adjusting the amendment to allow footprints up to 800 square feet.

Konopa said that she would reluctantly accept a motion to allow for footprints of up to 900 square-feet.

Councilor Rich Kellum moved to have staff prepare an ordinance that adopts the ADU code amendments as approved by the planning commission and bring that ordinance to the council's August 12, 2020, regular meeting. Councilor Alex Johnson II seconded the motion, which passed 5-1 with Councilor Dick Olsen voting no.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

4:40 p.m.

Councilor Mike Sykes asked about interdepartmental loans from parks SDCs to police and fire. Finance Manager J. C. Rowley responded that such a loan would be against state law.

Sykes said that he thinks the City should stop collecting parks SDCs since the City cannot afford new parks or to maintain its current stock. Troedsson said that staff is working on an update to the parks master plan and will return to the council.

Councilor Bill Coburn spoke about a letter from an Albany resident who said the city put a lien on his property for a delayed payment of about \$14, though the resident is not connected to city water or sewer. Troedsson said that he would look into the situation.

Johnson II said that he sent Troedsson pictures of two vehicles that were vandalized with swastikas and a pickup truck vandalized with the n-word painted across the back. Johnson II called the vandalism appalling and abhorrent. The councilors denounced the vandalism in very strong terms.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

4:57 p.m.

City Attorney Sean Kidd said that the Friends of Historic Albany have filed an appeal of the Siegner case to LUBA. Kidd noted that there are some peculiarities surrounding this case relating to how the city typically files its briefs and asked that councilors contact him if they have questions or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabriel Shepherd
Recorder

Peter Troedsson
City Manager