



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Regular Session

REMOTE

Approved: March 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Dick Olsen, Matilda Novak, Ray Kopczynski, Bessie Johnson, Marilyn Smith, and Stacey Bartholomew.

Councilors absent: None.

OATH OF OFFICE

- a. New Ward 2a councilor

The city clerk delivered the oath of office to the appointed Councilor Stacey Bartholomew.

PROCLAMATION

- a. Four Chaplains Day

The mayor read the proclamation as outlined in the council packet.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

7:20 p.m.

- a. Adopting the 2021 Parks Master Plan.

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the master plan allows projects to be identified for grants and other funding sources as they become available.

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6961.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Revising parks SDC methodology.
This item was cancelled.

There was a public hearing signup sheet*. Written comments were submitted by Deb Flagan* and Holly Sears*.

Lyddane said following the discussion at Monday's work session, she realized this is not the time to update the methodology. She heard that council may be interested in a different methodology, such as per square footage. She asked what the councilors would be interested in.

Councilor Matilda Novak said she'd be interested in a bond initiative. Councilor Dick Olsen said the problem with bonds is compression. City Manager Peter Troedsson said a bond would help build new parks but our funding problem now is maintenance of the parks we already have.

Lyddane said Parks is bringing this up now because the current methodology doesn't allow reimbursement, so there are many refurbishment projects that can't be done. Discussion followed about methodology.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

7:38 p.m.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, said the downtown alleys are under discussion. A group of agencies and business owners have an idea for revitalizing a section of alley. It would be funded by a Travel Oregon grant with no match required. The group is seeking the support of the council. Grato gave details of the project, which should be completed by this summer.

Troedsson read a letter received from Ann P Ketter relative to her removal from the planning commission*.

MOTION: Olsen moved to keep Ketter on the Planning Commission. Smith seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-3-A with Bartholomew, Kopczynski, and Johnson voting no and Novak abstaining.

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to remove Ketter from the Planning Commission. Novak seconded the motion, which passed 4-2, with Olsen and Smith voting no.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

8:04 p.m.

- a. Amending Albany Municipal Code Section 2.04.010, Regular Meetings.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.01 0, REGULAR MEETINGS.

MOTION: Johnson moved to have the ordinance read a second time in title only. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it 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 February 10, 2021, council meeting for an automatic second reading.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

8:21 p.m.

- a. Revising start and end times for Albany City Council meetings.
This item will come back to the February 10, 2021, council meeting.

- b. Cooperative procurement of portable radios and equipment.

MOTION: Olsen moved to adopt the resolution. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6962.

- c. Cooperative procurement of DocuSign cloud services.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No 6963.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

8:23 p.m.

- a. Special procurement contract for Beck mechanical and process control equipment.

Water Superintendent Scott LaRoque explained what actuators do. Operations uses hundreds of them in various types and grades. Servicing has become an issue throughout the system. Operations has some Beck actuators in use now. They are good quality, and Beck delivers good service. Public Works would like to specifically use them as needed into the future.

Olsen asked about the special procurement process. LaRoque described the process.

Public Works Operations Director Chris Bailey explained bidding vs. special procurement.

MOTION: Smith moved to award the contract. Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0. The resolution was designated Resolution No. 6965.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

8:18 p.m.

- a. Appointment to Transient Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) November 30, 2020, work session minutes.
 - 2) December 16, 2020, meeting minutes.
- c. Adoption of resolution
 - 1) Accepting 2020-2021 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant.
- d. Approval of Agreements
 - 1) Automatic aid agreements with Jefferson and Scio fire districts.

RES NO. 6964

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

STAFF REPORT

8:18 p.m.

- a. Annual code enforcement report.

Code Enforcement Officer Kris Schendel showed a PowerPoint presentation*.

He recapped the five years of the code compliance program, with some of the significant cases. He also summarized current projects to improve livability in the city. The position will be discontinued unless permanent funding is obtained.

Johnson said she hopes the position can be retained. Novak and Johnson II expressed support.

Kopczynski asked if Schendel was Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) certified. Schendel said yes. He's the only one in the City and doesn't have enough time to be proactive about it, but he'd like to see it become a focus.

b. Appointment changes to Community Development Commission.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to remove Stephanie Newton and David Abarr from the Community Development Commission as outlined in the staff report. Novak seconded the motion, which passed 5-1 with Olsen voting no.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to ratify the appointments of Dana Morris and Kenny Larson to the Community Development Commission as outlined in the staff report. Novak seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

c. Appointment changes to Planning Commission.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to remove Therese Waterhous from the Planning Commission as outlined in the staff report. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-1 with Olsen voting no.

MOTION: Johnson moved to ratify the appointments of Sonja Neperud and Theodore Bunch Jr. to the Planning Commission as outlined in the staff report. Kopczynski seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

d. Request to establish 1.0 FTE Operations Manager position in the Public Works Department.

8:58 p.m.

Bailey said public works currently has two directors who split responsibility. The next biennial budget will establish a single public works director and a community development director. Operations needs a senior leader now, so Bailey can take on supervision of the engineering division as well. Funding for the rest of the fiscal year comes from charge-backs to other funds.

Novak asked for an explanation of charge-backs, which Bailey provided.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to approve the request as outlined in the staff report. Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Smith read a statement regarding a letter* received from Nancy Greenman, a former member of the Human Relations Commission (HRC). Smith stated that she supports the right to free speech, but does not support speech that promotes hatred and violence. She offered an apology to Greenman.

MOTION: Smith moved to remove Jo Rae Perkins from the Human Relations Commission. Johnson seconded the motion.

Kopczynski read the email* he sent to others who have emailed him requesting Perkins' removal from the HRC. Novak agreed with Kopczynski.

VOTE: The motion passed 4-2, with Kopczynski and Novak voting no.

Troedsson called the council's attention to the unusual dates and times of the next few meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monday, February 8, 2021; 4 p.m. work session

Monday, February 8, 2021; 5:15 p.m. joint meeting with Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 10, 2021; 7:15 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary Dibble
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*