



MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Regular Session
REMOTE

Approved: March 24, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following persons submitted items for the record*:

1. Michelle Krysztopik Albany, regarding the HRC and Jo Rae Perkins
2. Melody Wirtz regarding HRC and Jo Rae Perkins
3. Rich Catlin representing Creative Housing Coalition regarding affordable housing
4. Dr. Rick Staggenborg regarding municipal banking.

The following persons signed up to speak:

1. Jo Rae Perkins, Albany, spoke about her removal from the Human Relations Commission (HRC). She shared her many contributions to the Albany community over the last 29 years. Homelessness was going to be the HRC's focus. Different opinions and freedom of thought is what makes America great. She will continue to stand up for everyone's rights even if she doesn't agree with them.
2. Dr. Rick Staggenborg spoke about the Oregon Banking Alliance. He explained how to establish municipal public banks in Oregon. They make business loans and build up local economies. He asked the councilors to consider supporting the bill.

Second reading of ordinance

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

This ordinance was read for the first time in title only on January 27, 2021.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the second time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.01.010, REGULAR MEETINGS.

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded. The motion passed 5-1 with councilor Dick Olsen voting no, and was designated Ord. No. 5953.

Adoption of resolutions

- a. Revising start and end times for Albany City Council meetings.

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution and Smith seconded. The resolution passed 5-1 with Olsen voting no, and was designated Res. No. 6966.

- b. Accepting FEMA reimbursement for wildfire event.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution and Kopczynski seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Res. No. 6967.

Adoption of consent agenda

- 1) Appointing Tom Elliott to the Airport Advisory Commission.
- 2) Approval of minutes
 - a) November 16, 2020, joint minutes with planning commission.
 - b) December 14, 2020, joint minutes with planning commission.
 - c) January 4, 2021, special session minutes.
 - d) January 11, 2021, joint minutes with planning commission.
 - e) January 13, 2021, council minutes.

Smith noted that she appreciates the clear and concise nature of the minutes.

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

Staff report

- a. Enterprise zone exemption discussion

Economic Development Manager Seth Sherry described how enterprise zones work. There are ongoing enterprise zone exemptions in Albany for nine different companies. It is an effective incentive to bring investment to Albany.

Olsen asked how much property tax the city forgoes due to the enterprise zones. Discussion followed about the rates of return measured by tax revenue and new jobs.

Business from the council

Smith noted that Linn County Emergency Food and Shelter met and gave out over \$52,000 to the community. She is proud to be part of the organization.

Johnson II would like staff to bring back information about the impact of system development charges (SDCs) on housing affordability, including how Albany compares to other cities.

Kopczynski noted that with improvements in COVID-19 statistics, the Carousel will open again for 40 visitors at a time.

Councilor Matilda Novak noted that restaurants are open to allow seating at 25% of normal capacity.

Councilor Stacey Bartholomew asked that the letters under business from the public be read into the record. Johnson II agreed. Troedsson read the letters from Michelle Krysztopik, Melody Wirtz, Rich Catlin, and Rick Staggenborg.

Next meeting dates

Monday, February 22, 2021; 4 p.m. work session

Monday, February 22, 2021; 5:15 joint meeting with Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 24, 2021; 6 p.m. joint meeting with Human Relations Commission

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

City Clerk
Mary Dibble

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.*