



MINUTES

Monday, June 21, 2021
Work Session
Remote

Approved: August 11, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Councilors absent: Bessie Johnson was excused

Business from the Public

4:00 p.m.

None.

SDC methodology evaluation update

4:01 p.m.

Engineering Manager/Assistant Engineer Rob Emmons said that the City will engage Deb Galardi as consultant on the project and will return to the council by early fall to discuss proposed changes.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski noted that the City can only do so much to affect the cost of housing, especially with the current state of the market.

Councilor Matilda Novak voiced general concerns about the effect of SDCs on the price of housing.

Councilor Dick Olsen said that since the taxing ability of cities continues to be limited, the City is forced to turn to fees to pay for infrastructure.

Councilor Stacey Bartholomew said she looks forward to seeing the results of this work.

Renaming and reopening of senior center

4:12 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane presented a PowerPoint* on the senior center changes. The senior center will reopen as the Riverfront Community Center.

Responding to a question from Councilor Marilyn Smith, Lyddane said that the Parks & Recreation department is making sure that close and accessible parking for the center is taken into consideration for the riverfront project.

Business from the Council

4:39 p.m.

Kopczynski noted that he will be traveling between July 6th and July 28th, 2021, but will try to attend council meetings virtually.

City Manager Report

4:42 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson noted the artwork returning to city hall and the return of council meetings to the council chambers on July 14th, 2021. He mentioned an email to the council from David Shaw* relating to the budget. Troedsson addressed the points listed in the email.

Troedsson spoke about a regional chlorine shortage and said the City has a 22-day supply of chlorine. He said the City is cutting back on watering and is asking residents to voluntarily cut back on water use. Troedsson also said River Rhythms tickets would be going on sale soon.

Responding to a question from Olsen about the cost of the River Rhythms tickets, Lyddane said the City does not, in normal years, generate money from the concerts, and the addition of fencing, security, and cleanliness protocols to comply with Oregon Health Authority guidelines significantly increased the cost of running the event. She said the five-dollar ticket charge will help offset the increased costs and help the series continue in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabriel Shepherd
Recorder

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

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