



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Meeting
VIRTUAL

Approved: May 11, 2022

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Councilors absent: None.

Proclamation

Women's History Month, March 2022.

Mayor Alex Johnson II read the proclamation.

Business from the Public

6:03 p.m.

Johnson II said the council received a letter from Steph Nappa regarding Bird e-scooters.*

Approval of Agreements

6:04 p.m.

- a. IGA for administering disadvantaged business enterprise unified certification

Transportation Manager Robb Romeo said the agreement is between the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Business Development Department, and the City of Albany. The City must comply with the certification requirements in order to receive federal funding for the Albany Municipal Airport and other projects.

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution. Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0, and was designated Resolution No. 7085.

- b. MOU with AAMPO for Queen Avenue, ST-21-03

6:14 p.m.

City Engineer Staci Belcastro described the project. It's fully funded in the CIP, so this grant will increase reserves for other CIP projects.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7086.

- c. MOU with Bird for e-scooters

City Manager Peter Troedsson said the MOU is for a one-year trial operation of e-scooters in Albany. Bird is a private business. There is no cost to the City for the program. Bird will do four or five weeks of advance planning before they start placing scooters.

Councilor Dick Olsen asked, if someone was injured riding a scooter, who would be liable? City Attorney Sean Kidd said the City's insurance agents would handle any claims filed against the City.

The council discussed logistics and liability concerns. Johnson II reminded the council that coming to the council is a courtesy on Bird's part, since they're a private commercial business.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the MOU. Councilor Stacey Bartholomew seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:42 p.m.

- a. Appointment
 - 1) Appointing Joshua Slamp to the Parks & Recreation Commission
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) January 10, 2022, work session
 - 2) January 24, 2022, work session
 - 3) February 9, 2022, council meeting
- c. Adoption of resolutions
 - 1) Certifying tax exempt properties
 - i. Songbird Village RES NO. 7087
 - ii. Periwinkle Place RES NO. 7088
 - iii. Park Rose RES NO. 7089
 - iv. 515 Geary Street SE RES NO. 7090
 - v. 1680-1682 Oak Street SE RES NO. 7091
 - 2) Accepting easement, Hazelwood Park RES NO. 7092

MOTION: Councilor Bessie Johnson moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Staff Report

Temporary disc golf course at Deerfield Park

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said volunteers from the Disc Golf Club of Albany are fundraising and will install baskets at Deerfield Park. Parks staff helped to identify places where baskets should not be placed.

Business from the Council

6:47 p.m.

Johnson voiced concerns over the council's policy on approving rate change requests by Republic Services. She has heard from constituents who are concerned about being able to pay rising costs. She asked the council to reconsider.

Olsen agreed. He would like to look at it again.

Councilor Matilda Novak would like to revisit the raising of rates by Republic Services. Novak referred to a letter about fluoridation she sent to the council. She would like the council to act to stop fluoridation of city water.

City Manager Report

7:00 p.m.

Troedsson reminded the council of the City's low-income assistance program for utility customers. He thinks Republic Services may also have an assistance program.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, March 21, 2022; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 23, 2022; 6:00 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse
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.*