



## ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2022  
Work Session  
Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: September 28, 2022

#### 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 (virtual), Ray Kopczynski, Bessie Johnson, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None.

#### Business from the Public

None.

#### Economic Sewer and Water Grant Awards

**4:01 p.m.**

Economic Development Director Seth Sherry introduced the agenda item and shared information from the staff report.

Chris Hansen, a local real estate broker, spoke about the need for flexible manufacturing facilities in the City of Albany. Responding to a question from Councilor Matilda Novak, Hansen said there are currently no vacancies for facilities like those being proposed and the size would be roughly 22,000 square feet.

Responding to a question from Councilor Ray Kopczynski, Sherry said the city is looking into how the Enterprise Zone would fit with this space and these businesses. Christopher Bronn from CorrQuest spoke about his business and how the proposed space would help his business.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to award the grants. Novak seconded the motion. Deputy City Clerk Gabe Shepherd reminded the Council that the grants would be on the consent agenda of the August 24, 2022, council meeting. No vote was taken on the motion.

Public Works Director Chris Bailey and Sherry answered questions from Councilor Dick Olsen about the funding of the grants. Bailey confirmed that funding came from water and sewer ratepayers, with the goal that the investment of the funds would increase water and sewer revenue from the new supported businesses.

#### Unnecessary Noise Ordinance, AMC 7.08.050

**4:12 p.m.**

This item was moved down the agenda. Code Compliance Officer Kris Schendel introduced the item and noted that no city has regulations governing children at play. Schendel answered questions from

Councilor Bessie Johnson about noise made by loud cars, saying that regulating vehicle noise is a traffic issue and can be enforced by police officers.

Novak, said that just because no other jurisdiction has regulated noise of children at play, does not mean that Albany cannot be the first. Novak suggested that regulations could be based purely on decibel reading.

Community Development Director Matthew Ruetters answered a question from Councilor Stacey Bartholomew, detailing the process of notifying neighbors of sound variances.

Recess to executive session

**4:35 p.m.**

Johnson II read the executive session script and recessed the council into executive session at 4:36 p.m.

Reconvene

**5:43 p.m.**

Johnson II reconvened the council from executive session at 5:43 p.m.

Business from the Council

**5:43 p.m.**

Councilor Stacey Bartholomew requested that staff report on how the city is preparing for climate change, specifically water conservation and usage.

City Manager Report

**5:30 p.m.**

City Manager Peter Troedsson spoke about the Northwest Art and Air Festival, noted that Emma Dean had resigned as the Executive Director of Helping Hands, and spoke about the process and purpose of the "business from the public" agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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