



MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: July 26, 2023

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 Matilda Novak, Steph Newton, Ray Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, Marilyn Smith, and Ramycia McGhee

Councilors absent: None

Reconsideration from the June 28, 2023, City Council Meeting

Request for license to occupy right-of-way on NW Dover Lane

Public Works Director/Deputy City Manager Chris Bailey reviewed the similarities between this case and the recent Vine Street right-of-way application. Staff recommends denial of this application for two reasons: public right-of-way is intended for public use, and the City needs to be consistent in allowing licenses to occupy.

Councilor Matilda Novak said that since the previous vote, she has talked to Police Chief Marcia Harnden and has changed her mind about approving the application.

MOTION: Councilor Marilyn Smith moved to deny the application. Councilor Ramycia McGhee seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Public Hearing

- a. East Albany Plan and associated Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments (CP-04-23 and ZC-02-23)

Johnson II opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. Comprehensive Planning Manager Anne Catlin read the rules of testimony.

Catlin showed a slide.* She said the application affects one property in the East Albany Plan adopted May 10, 2023. A motion to consider a property owner request for different zoning and comprehensive plan map designation to a portion of 3592 Dunlap Avenue NE was left out of the council packet for that meeting.

Public testimony:

Brittany Randle said she submitted a letter which is in the agenda packet. She is here to answer questions. There were none.

There was no other testimony or questions.

Johnson II closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson read the ordinance for the first time in title only.

MOTION: Smith moved to have the ordinance read a second time in title only. Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Troedsson read the ordinance a second time in title only.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the ordinance, Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Ordinance No. 6020.

Johnson II read the appeals language.

Business from the Public

6:25 p.m.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, reviewed downtown activities.

Award of Contract

6:27 p.m.

a. Purchase LeeBoy 7000C Asphalt Paving Equipment

Transportation Manager Robb Romeo said the City's paver is 21 years old and wearing out. Purchase of a new paver is in the 2023-2025 budget.

Councilors asked several questions about use of a paver as opposed to hiring a paving company. Romeo said public works uses the paver quite a bit. The street crew is small, and it's efficient to use a City-owned machine that doesn't require a lot of operators.

Bailey said public works has had trouble in the past getting any bids on patching jobs.

Johnson II asked what the paver's life expectancy would be. Romeo said it could be 15 years. Public works will probably outgrow its use before it wears out.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the resolution awarding the contract as outlined in the staff report. Kopczynski seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7253.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:40 p.m.

a. Approval of minutes

- 1) June 12, 2023, city council work session
- 2) June 14, 2023, city council meeting
- 3) June 27, 2023, city council special session with Benton County Board of Commissioners

b. Recommendations to OLCC

- 1) Approve full on-premises commercial license for Alex Loomis, Victoria Wilcox, and Camille Romania, DBA Camille's

c. Adoption of resolutions

- 1) Department of Land Conservation and Development planning assistance grant application – Matthew Ruettgers RES NO. 7254
- 2) Accept Aftermath Services LLC, K9 grant RES NO. 7255
- 3) Formally document extended enterprise zone abatement, CorrQuest Automation, Inc. RES NO. 7256

MOTION: Councilor Jackie Montague moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. McGhee seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Business from the Council

6:41 p.m.

Councilor Steph Newton said she received a question from a constituent about how the building code addresses fabric structures like canopy-style car covers.

Director of Community Development Matthew Ruetters said AMC Title 18 doesn't address tube and tarp structures directly. If they are less than 200 square feet, they generally don't require a permit or application but can't be placed in the required setback.

City Manager Report

6:49 p.m.

Troedsson said there will be a short Albany Revitalization Agency meeting August 7 after the council's work session.

Recess

6:50 p.m.

The council recessed for a ten-minute break.

Executive Session

7:00 p.m.

The council convened in executive session to discuss real property transactions and evaluate the employment-related performance of a public officer in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(e) and ORS 192.660 (2)(i).

Reconvene

The council reconvened into regular session at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION: Smith moved to authorize the public works director to submit a sealed bid to Greater Albany Public School District for consideration. Montague seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

MOTION: Montague moved to increase the city manager's City-paid deferred compensation by 3% and to roll his existing car stipend into his base salary. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, July 24, 2023; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, July 26, 2023; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 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.