



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2023

Work Session

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: **March 8, 2023**

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 Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Ray Ramycia McGhee (4:36 p.m.), Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None.

Business from the Public

4:00 p.m.

Ashley Folgate provided written testimony*. No one signed up to speak in person or virtually and no one present wished to speak.

Emergency management – council roles and responsibilities

4:00 p.m.

Emergency Manager/Safety Officer Chuck Perino spoke about how the city responds to disasters and the city councilor's roles in responding to disasters. Perino and City Manager Peter Troedsson gave the following responses to questions from councilors:

- Emergency response will be handled by trained staff and council's main role would be acting as a communication conduit between the public and the emergency operations center. *(Novak)*
- Perino and Troedsson spoke about the process of declaring an emergency and the legal and financial support that an emergency declaration may make available to the city. *(Montague)*
- Perino spoke about the methods of communication between councilors and the public and said that he could imagine councilors working with Public Information Officers to communicate facts effectively. *(Newton)*
- The city is required to do its emergency coordination through Linn County, but Perino noted that having a positive relationship with the Benton County Emergency Response Team is vital to quick responses. *(Johnson II)*

Certification of tax-exempt properties

4:29 p.m.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager presented the agenda item. Responding to a question from Councilor Steph Newton, Planner III Anne Catlin said that Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development does not require vouchers for their low-income housing, though some residents do have vouchers that can be used anywhere in the community. Yeager said the resolutions will be on the February 22, 2023, city council consent agenda for approval.

August and September 2023 city council meeting dates

4:32 p.m.

City Manager Peter Troedsson presented the proposed meeting schedule for summer that would allow for six weeks of no scheduled council meetings. Councilors expressed support. The item will be on the February 22, 2023, city council consent agenda for approval.

Executive session

4:35 p.m.

Johnson II said the council would now meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h) litigation or litigation likely to be filed and ORS 192.660 (2)(e) real property transactions. Johnson II reminded those present not to disclose any of the information from the executive session. Johnson recessed the meeting into executive session at 4:35 p.m.

Johnson II recused himself from the meeting from 5:32 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. Council President Marilyn Smith presided over the meeting in his absence.

Johnson II reconvened the work session at 5:43 p.m. and recessed the meeting for a break from 5:43 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

Newton requested staff provide councilors with citations for the statistics used by Municipal Judge Forrest Reid at the February 8, 2023, municipal court update.

Business from the Council

5:51 p.m.

None.

City Manager's Report

5:52 p.m.

None.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, March 6, 2023; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 6:00 p.m. meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd
Deputy 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.*