



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, July 24, 2023

Work Session

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: August 9, 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 Matilda Novak, Steph Newton, Ray Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, Marilyn Smith, and Ramycia McGhee (virtual)

Councilors absent: None

Business from the Public

Council Directed Annexation Project

Planner III Jennifer Cepello showed slides.* The project includes four rights-of-way, nine waiver annexations, and eleven island annexations. Cepello summarized the notification and public hearing process, as well as the applicable approval criteria. Staff will contact the owners of the island properties and only annex those who wish to be included.

Councilor Marilyn Smith asked what the cost would be to a property owner who requests to be annexed. Cepello said two applications are required, for annexation and zone amendment. The combined cost is about \$7,500. The City will cover the cost for any property owners who want to annex as part of this process.

Several councilors wished to confirm that property owners who wish to be part of this annexation will not have to pay the application fee. Cepello confirmed that that is the case.

Director of Community Development Matthew Ruetters said the council directed the initiation of this project in 2019, but it was sidelined due to the pandemic. The rights-of-way belong to the City and the waiver annexations are properties whose owners have already signed an agreement to annex. Staff recommends not forcing property owners to annex. Staff will reach out to each property owner, and those who decline to annex now will not be included.

Smith said she likes the plan to talk to property owners. She would like staff to go ahead with the project. The council agreed.

System Development Charge Financing Rate Change

4:18 p.m.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager said the City has charged interest on financing at 6.55% since 2004. Staff would like to bring the rate into line with commercial financing and also establish an application fee of \$200.

The council asked Yeager to bring a resolution to the July 26, 2023, council meeting for action.

Amending Parks System Development Charges

4:22 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the proposed ordinance brings the Albany Municipal Code into line with the work already done, removing now-obsolete references to calculating system development charges based on number of bedrooms. Bold-and-strike language is included in the agenda packet.

The council asked Lyddane to bring the ordinance to the July 26, 2023, council meeting for action.

Business from the Council

City Manager Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 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.*