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Regular City Council Meeting
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2020

5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall,
Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance
Director Angie Wilson, Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara, Community
Development Director Alice Cannon, Public Works Director Dave
Anderson, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter, Senior
Planner Dawn Hert

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. All Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the agenda as submitted.
The motion carried 5 to 0; Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Richardson, Randall, Runyon voting in
favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Beautification Committee Update – Tiffany Prince, President

Ms. Prince reviewed the report, and asked if there were any questions.

Richardson congratulated the committee on the work done. He asked if a third Welcome Sign location at Route 30 and Hwy 101 had been looked at.

Ms. Prince said the committee was working with ODOT on available locations that fit the requirements of a sign. She said she would look into the location Richardson identified.

Mayor Mays thanked the committee for their work and passion.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don Warren, President of Main Street reported:

- Grants from Travel Oregon being worked on:
 - Additional Pedlets
 - Sidewalk Pressure Washing
 - Portland Loo
- Retail seems to be doing ok during COVID.
- 4 neon signs installed, next step electricity
- WallDogs murals changed to 2022 due to COVID
- Replacing failing light strips
- Working with The Art Center on Children's Art program
- Watching Federal Infrastructure Funding- shovel ready projects
 - Bulb outs with big trees on 2nd and 3rd street
 - Moving Wastewater treatment plant to free up industrial land
 - Move railroads closer to the highway
 - Down town living – cost of upgrading electrical hindering improvements, can City help with costs

Corliss Marsh, 1401 East 21st, said the Wasco County Cultural Trust Grants close on February 1. She said more information was available at <http://www.wascoculturaltrust.org/>

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Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- New shelters went up on January 12 and 13;
 - 18 shelters
 - 30 residents – some need to be single occupancy due to mental health issues
- Working on Point In Time Count of homeless people – due to COVID only doing a shelter count
- Had no reaction to the COVID vaccine
- Mayor regarding Google agreements
- 2021 Eviction Crisis Webinar – City needs strategic plan for funding from State
- Town Hall with Representative Bonham and Senator Finley
- Gleaners Food Boxes on Tuesday February 2, get there by 9 am

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Met with Mayor regarding Google expansion
- Security at the Shelter – opening up the Wi Fi

Mayor Mays reported:

Met with three candidates for School District 21 Superintendent

Welcome speech for The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet

Zoom meeting, well done

Congratulations to the winner

League of Oregon Cities Conference call

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Runyon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, all Councilors voting in favor.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) Approval of the January 11, 2021 Regular City Council Minutes; 2) Approval of Resolution No. 21-003 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment to the Urban Renewal Agency Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on final draft Employment Buildable Lands Inventory report

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

Matt Hastic, Angelo Group, provided a presentation (attached).

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Community Development Director Alice Cannon said the staff recommendation would be to place adoption on hold for a couple of years, because there are parcels currently vacant, with plans for construction in the next few years.

She said the Planning Commission felt there was value in adopting the data to use if needed, but not to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan.

Runyon clarified that no decision would be made at the meeting, only discussion.

Long-Curtiss asked the benefit of not updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Cannon said the Planning Commission agreed to adopt the data. She said staff didn't want to fold it into polices that would likely need to be changed in a short period of time. She said updating the Comprehensive Plan was a lot of work.

Richardson said the data was good, would like to see it adopted in some form to get on with planning the future of the community.

Cannon said The Dalles will likely look very different in 24 to 48 months.

Mayor Mays asked if the report would affect the Urban Growth Boundary expansion.

Hasties said it would, as a deficit of land was necessary.

Mayor Mays asked what would need to be done if Google built on the vacant land in the next two years?

Hasties said there would need to be an amendment to the report done.

Runyon asked for more facts on the Planning Commission decision.

It was the consensus of Council for staff to bring the item back as an action item in February or early March for a decision.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council for staff to, additionally, report back to Council in six months, with a trigger of when development increases that could change the results.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

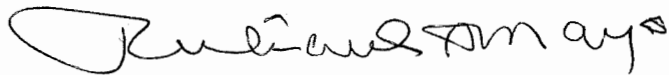
Mayor Mays recessed the open session In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Mays reconvene into Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

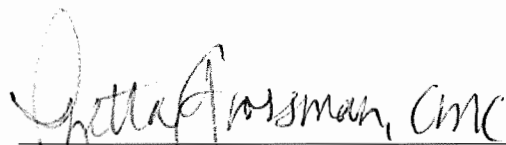
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk



SIGNED:

Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk