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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2020

5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Linda Miller, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Steve Harris, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

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 asked Councilor Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Runyon to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 5 to 0; Councilors McGlothlin, Runyon, Long-Curtiss, Randall, Miller voting in

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favor; none opposed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger said the Special Council Meeting for the purpose of the Legacy Development Appeal would be on August 24, 2020 at 5:30pm Via ZOOM.

She said Legal Counsel Diana McDougle would not be attending the meeting tonight.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Long-Curtiss reported:

- Unified Command Health Division
- CARES reimbursement for Shilo for people who cannot shelter at home
- Homeless Task Force – meeting each week
- State Task Force – meeting every other week
- League of Oregon Cities weekly update
- City Manager meeting – Warming/Cooling Shelter; trash issue at St. Vincent de Paul; looking for solutions
- QLife Board – working with Gorge.net on broadband to homes pilot project up by High School
- Mid-Columbia Economic Development District – regional transportation plan
- Urban Renewal Agency Board

Councilor Miller reported:

- Granada tour – looks great
- Urban Renewal will deed the Granada to Gomez's
- Met with potential candidate for City Council – if anyone is interested contact the City Clerk

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Airport Board meeting
- Met with City Manager regarding various items

Councilor Randall reported:

- Historic Landmarks Commission – August 5 meeting reviewing 3 special applications

Councilor Runyon reported:

- QLife Board meeting – also extending broadband to Water's Edge

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Mayor Mays reported:

- Local Group Meeting Gorge Commission
- American Red Cross – Looking for volunteers
- Councilor Long-Curtiss regarding trash at St. Vincent de Paul
- Urban Renewal Agency meeting
- City Manager – 6 month review Councilors
- Community Outreach Team

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Councilors McGlothlin, Miller, Long-Curtiss, Randall and Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) July 13, 2020 Regular City Council Minutes; 2) Declaring certain Public Works property as surplus; 3) Resolution No. 20-020 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointment to the Library Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Enterprise Zone Abatement Agreement with Worldwide Structures, LLC

Enterprise Zone Manager Matthew Klebes reviewed the staff report.

Klebes introduced Craig Novak of Worldwide Structures, LLC. Novak thanked Council for hearing his application. He said the company manufactured affordable high energy housing and school buildings.

In response to a question Klebes said if the company meets the benchmarks, they can apply for the full 5 year abatement. He said if a company missed the job/wage benchmark they could not receive additional years.

Novak said his company employed disadvantaged populations. He said they are a Native American organization. He said they are a training center for contractors. He said the factory employees manufacture and package product for contractors. He said they are a regional provider for the Northwest. He said most suppliers are in Oregon.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Randall to approve Resolution 20-018 Approving an Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement between the Sponsors of the Wasco County Joint Enterprise Zone and Worldwide Structures Property Company, LLC. The motion carried 5 to 0; Councilors Miller, Randall, Long-Curtiss, Runyon, and McGlothlin voting in favor; none

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opposed.

Resolution No. 20-019 Supporting Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988

Community Development Director Steve Harris reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Long-Curtiss and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 20-019 A Resolution Supporting the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and Implementation of a Fair Housing Program. The motion carried 5 to 0; Councilors Long-Curtiss, McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall, Miller voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Federal Street Public Plaza Concept Design

Community Development Director Steve Harris reviewed the staff report.

Colin McArthur – Consultant with Cameron McCarthy reviewed the conceptual design.

Council discussed:

Splash pad – remove from plan

Flag pole at Veteran's Center incorporated into design

Public Restrooms

Covered areas with tables

Maintenance plan

Phased construction

Electrical/utilities - \$60,000 in budget

Options paving – stamped concrete (tamed down to fit historic theme of downtown)

Funding - \$250,000 budgeted in City Budget and Urban Renewal

Councilor Long-Curtiss said she was in favor of the project, but was concerned about the timing. She said she would like to see the First Street project completed first. She said waiting to see impact of COVID-19 on revenue, and what will be developed at the old Tony's building would be prudent.

Councilor Runyon said Councilor Long-Curtiss had good points.

Community Development Director Harris said there was \$1.3 million remaining in the Urban Renewal Federal funding for First Street, as well as \$2 million remaining in the bond.

He said the site seemed like a natural fit; the Urban Renewal Agency owns Tony's. He said staff was in communication with the First Street consultant regarding integration possibilities.

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It was the consensus of the Council to ask that concepts be brought back to the September 28th meeting for further discussion, along with costs, and how First Street would work into the plaza.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

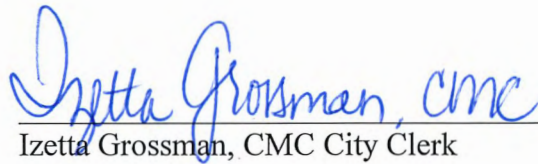
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk