

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2023**

**PRESIDING:** Brian Hodson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Traci Hensley, James Davis, Herman Maldonado, Jason Padden, Shawn Varwig, and Christopher Bangs.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Archer, City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator; Maya Benham, Deputy City Recorder; Jorge Tro, Police Chief; Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director; Jerry Nelzen, Public Works Director; Jeff Snyder, Public Works Supervisor; and Spencer Polack, Public Works Lead.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hodson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by opening ceremonies.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CITY COUNCILORS:**

Mayor Hodson recognized outgoing City Councilors Greg Parker, Sarah Spoon, and Art Marine. He thanked each of them for their service and encouraged the public to do the same.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Rodney Grafe, Municipal Court Judge, swore in James Davis, Herman Maldonado, Jason Padden, and Shawn Varwig as City Councilors and Brian Hodson as Mayor.

**CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ken and Melinda Buckles reported on their veteran's trip and thanked the City and Council for all of the support.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**\*\*Council President Hensley moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 Work Session and Regular Meeting, the reappointments of Dan Ewert and Michael Hutchinson to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2025, and the appointment of Craig Lewelling to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilor Varwig and passed 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Selection of Council President –

Mayor Hodson discussed the role and process for selecting the Council President. Council President Hensley was the current Council President and had been doing that for the past two years. She had expressed interest in continuing in this role. Councilor Varwig also expressed interest in this role.

**\*\*Councilor Davis moved to nominate Traci Hensley as Council President. Motion was seconded by Councilor Padden and passed 5-0-1 with Council President Hensley abstaining.**

## Discussion and Selection of Committee Liaison Assignments –

Mayor Hodson reviewed the role of Council as Committee liaisons.

Councilor Maldonado would be the liaison to the Bike and Pedestrian Committee and Bridging Cultures. Councilor Padden would be the liaison to the Canby Utility Board and School District. Council President Hensley would be the liaison for French Prairie Forum, Aurora Airport Masterplan PAC, PAAM (Positive Aurora Airport Management), Willamette Falls & Landings Heritage Area Coalition, Traffic Safety Commission, and the alternate for C4. Mayor Hodson would be the liaison to Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4). Councilor Varwig would be the liaison to the Planning Commission and Transit Advisory Committee. Councilor Bangs would be the liaison to the Heritage and Landmark Commission and Library Advisory Board. Councilor Davis would be the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Canby Fire District, and Canby Adult Center.

Councilor Bangs expressed interest in holding a work session to restart neighborhood association meetings again. Councilor Padden suggested including the associations in the public input for the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan update processes.

Scott Archer, City Administrator, suggested discussing this at the Council Goal Setting Retreat.

Mayor Hodson noted Committee vacancies that needed to be filled.

Mr. Archer said he was contacted by Metro to ask if the Mayor would continue to chair the Metro Policy Advisory Committee. Mayor Hodson would continue in that role.

Mayor Hodson thought there should be a future discussion regarding the need for liaison roles or if the chairs and the Mayor should meet periodically or they could come to a Council meeting.

Joe Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator, said they could also set up times for coffee with the Mayor and Council at the library.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:** Mayor Hodson was optimistic about the coming year and working together for the betterment of the City. He welcomed the new Council and thanked all the Councilors for taking on this role.

## **COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:**

Council President Hensley shared that the Knights Bridge project had been postponed and it would not be closed at the same time as the ODOT project.

Councilor Varwig requested a discussion on the dog park at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Davis complimented City staff for their work during the ice storm.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS:**

Mr. Archer congratulated the Mayor and new and returning Councilors.

## **CITIZEN INPUT:**

There was none.

**ACTION REVIEW:**

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Approved the reappointments and appointment to the Planning Commission.
3. Re-selected Traci Hensley as Council President.
4. Selected Committee liaison assignments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Melissa Bisset  
City Recorder



Brian Hodson  
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes - Susan Wood