

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
March 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Henry Balensifer (via Zoom), Mayor Pro tem Gerald Poe, Paul Mitchell, Tom Dyer, and Mark Baldwin

Staff Present: City Manager Esther Moberg, Interim City Planner Scott Fregonese, Finance Director Jessica Barrett, Police Chief Mathew Workman, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

Mayor Balensifer handed the meeting over to Mayor Pro tem Poe.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Meeting Minutes – 2.27.2024
- B. Community Center Advisory Committee Annual Meeting Minutes – 1.18.2024
- C. Community Center Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes – 1.18.2024

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye; Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin - aye

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Mitchell attended the Northwest Housing meeting. He provided a brief update on items that were discussed in the meeting.

Commissioner Dyer attended the Lower Columbia Tourism Committee (LCTC) meeting. He noted the meeting was to discuss the direction LCTC will take.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce Director David Reid gave a presentation. He provided an overview of members, staff, and volunteer boards. He noted how many people were reached through social media and additional forms of relaying information. He discussed an accessibility project that is being worked on. Brief discussion followed.

Interim City Planner Scott Fregonese reviewed Ordinance No. 1266, an ordinance updating Warrenton Municipal Code to add review criteria for shipping containers. He noted the history of shipping containers in the City and the process the code amendment has undergone. He reviewed the proposed criteria. Commissioner Mitchell asked about moving pods and how they fit into the ordinance; Mr. Fregonese stated pods are different from shipping containers and the pods are under the size requirements. Mayor Balensifer noted his concerns. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Balensifer noted amendments he would like to see in the ordinance; Section E adding something addressing holes leading to vermin, adding a reference to the section in the code where shipping containers can be in industrial areas. Mayor Balensifer questioned Section I and why it only states metal as shipping containers can be constructed from other materials. Mayor Balensifer asked how they determine who is grandfathered and who is not, how they vet who is grandfathered and not, and what the enforcement strategy is; Mr. Fregonese stated that the ordinance isn't retroactive and will likely be complaint driven. He noted it is under chapter 8 of the municipal code, not the development code. The enforcement will be similar to land use. Mr. Fregonese noted the City Attorney did not want it in the development code. Mayor Balensifer recommended tabling the ordinance until the next meeting so amendments can be made. Consensus was to table the first reading of the ordinance until the next meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to table the first reading of Ordinance No. 1266, until the next meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye; Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin - aye

Ms. Moberg stated Ordinance No. 1271; an update to the Warrenton Municipal Code to emergency work noise variances, is presented for its second reading and adoption. Mayor Balensifer noted under the current nuisance code it would be enforceable by the police. He noted there are other issues within the noise code in the city that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 1271, by title only; Amending Warrenton Municipal Code Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare, Chapter 9.04.040; Unnecessary Noise. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye; Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin - aye

Mayor Pro tem Poe conducted the second reading by title only.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1271. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye; Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin - aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Moberg noted last weekend was the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and noted upcoming

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events and projects in progress.

Mayor Balensifer noted HB1576 passed, and it restored limited recreational immunity.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Poe adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

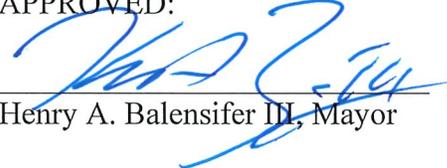
Respectfully prepared and submitted by Hanna Bentley, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED:



Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor