



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes City Commission

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: 5 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr., Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

Staffers: 12- City Manager Tony Konkol, City Attorney William Kabeiseman, Police Chief James Band, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Assistant City Recorder Charlie Killian, Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Oreskovich, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Library Director Greg Williams, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Public Works Director John Lewis,

2. Flag Salute

3. Ceremonies, Proclamations

3a. Downtown Oregon City Association's Biannual Update

Liz Hannum, Executive Director of the Downtown Oregon City Association, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding requirements that had been completed by June 30, 2020 and the challenges and opportunities for the coming year.

There was discussion regarding private lots for the parking program and amending the agreement based on the fact they could not meet the deliverables due to Covid.

There was consensus that the Commission would not hold DOCA responsible for those deliverables at this time due to Covid.

4. Citizen Comments

Heidi Blackwell, resident of Oregon City, discussed a County Commission meeting where racism was discussed. Oregon City was not portrayed as a place where people of color felt comfortable. She thought the resolution that was passed by the Commission was a good first step and she listed ideas of what the next steps could be.

Heidi Chang, resident of Oregon City, was a decorated combat vet and a mother. She was questioning setting down roots in Oregon City after learning about actions taken by the Mayor. She gave examples of how she thought he had degraded women. It was the duty of the Mayor to set the example of how to treat fellow humankind.

Dara Kramer, resident of Oregon City, spoke about the recall effort and the many people who were volunteering due to the Mayor's treatment of women, citizens, and fellow Commissioners, his stance on racial injustice, and actions that had led to lawsuits and investigations. Other elected officials and former mayors had already signed the petition. She listed ways citizens could sign.

Sarah Head, resident of Oregon City, said Oregon City was recently identified as a place that was especially uninviting to people of color. She gave examples of racism she had seen in the City and stated silence was not an option. She asked the City to reach out to experts and resources that could help with this issue.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

6. Public Hearings

7. General Business

8. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner McGriff, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the consent items 8a – 8d and 8f – 8h. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

8a. Selection of On-call Consultants for Geotechnical Engineering Services

8b. Award of Public Improvement Contract for the Barclay Hills Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Project (CI 20-002)

8c. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering for the Hunter Avenue Booster Pump Station Electrical and Control Upgrades (PS 20-007)

8d. Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Work Session

8e. Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Smith asked about the portion of the June 3 meeting that was not recorded. The Mayor had ended the meeting, but the Commission had reopened it. He would like what had been discussed after the meeting was reopened to be included in the minutes.

Ms. Riggs said the end of the conversation was included in the recording on the City's website, but it did not have the discussion about reopening the meeting and the beginning statement that Commissioner Smith made. Typically the minutes were about what City business took place, not necessarily what happened outside of City business.

Bill Kabeiseman, City Attorney, discussed what was required to be included in the minutes. They could include a notation about what occurred at the end of the meeting. There was discussion regarding the additional wording to clarify what happened.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McGriff, to approve the June 3, 2020 minutes as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

- 8f. Minutes of the June 7, 2020 Special Emergency Meeting**
- 8g. Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Special Emergency Meeting**
- 8h. Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Work Session**

9. Communications

a. City Manager

There was no City Manager report.

b. Commission

Commissioner McGriff was on a diversity, equity, and inclusion subcommittee for the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition. She was also serving on subcommittees for the League of Oregon Cities.

Commissioner Smith attended the groundbreaking for Latourette park.

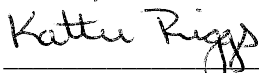
c. Mayor

There was no Mayor communications.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kattie Riggs, City Recorder