



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2018

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Ronald Verini at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Ronald Verini, Norm Crume, Dan Capron, Ramon Palomo, Betty Carter, and Marty Justus. Thomas Jost was excused.

Members of staff present were Adam Brown, Tori Barnett, Cal Kunz, Dan Cummings, Terry Leighton, Kari Ott, Larry Sullivan, Cliff Leeper, Betsy Roberts, Debbie Jeffries, and Peter Hall.

The meeting was recorded and copies are available at City Hall.

Ramon Palomo led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on November 16, 2018. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

Mayor Verini added item 7C New Business: Marijuana Update; and item 10A Correspondence: December 18, 2018, Council meeting.

CRUME moved, CARTER seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Varela, Boise, stated: *I just want to make a couple comments regarding things that have happened over the last few weeks. I know one City Council member did recuse himself from one of the votes, but they definitely did speak a lot about other things pertaining to marijuana, which they probably should recuse themselves at times, as well. And also, last, was it two Thursdays ago when you guys had a meeting, I can't remember if he was in that meeting, the closed door session for a couple hours. That may not have been the best to do that, at least from my perspective and pertaining to everybody sitting outside the planning department, and also on that, it's kind of interesting how you guys put us in a situation that we were breaking city law, or city codes, to be out there, which I didn't really appreciate being put in that position. So that was rather interesting. And I know you guys are thinking about putting a residency requirement in. I'm just curious if you guys have talked to OLCC, or if that's anything they have a say in or anything like that, being required to live in the city. I have no interest in doing what I'm going to say, but I've been told by at least one person, if not a few others, that they are submitting some stuff to come after the city for certain things, so you guys might want to entertain this. That's all.*

John Kirby, Ontario, stated: *The morning after the election I got a call from the Argus Observer, and like many of you, I'd been up most of the night, and I didn't shoot across the bow, I destroyed the ship. I want to publicly apologize to Dan Cummings for my remarks. I've done so personally; I've talked to several of the City Council, and it was a hard election to go through, and when you personally invest yourself, and I'm not a good loser, don't like it, I haven't necessarily changed my opinions, but you've got a good man in our Planning Department, and I wronged him. So, I feel as though that was done publicly, and I need to make a public apology, and I do so tonight. Thank you.*

Dan Cummings thanked Mr. Kirby for his apology, and accepted it.

CONSENT AGENDA

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**, which included October 4, 2018, Work Session Minutes and October 16, 2018. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

OLD BUSINESSOrdinance #2745-2018: Beekeeping

JUSTUS moved, CARTER seconded, **THAT THE ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE #2745-2018, AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING BEEKEEPING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO UNDER RESPONSIBLE BEST PRACTICES BY TITLE ONLY ON THE SECOND READING.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Resolution #2018-142: Updating the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION #2018-142, A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

NEW BUSINESSBid Award: Ontario Aquatic Center Splash Pad Site Work

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

CRUME moved, CARTER seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL TABLE THIS ACTION.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Recreation District Transition Plan

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

Unanimous consensus of the Council to move forward with the suggestions presented regarding the Recreation District.

Marijuana Update

Larry Sullivan, City Attorney, presented.

Unanimous consensus of the Council to move forward with the suggestions presented regarding the Marijuana licensing requirements.

HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMSNewly Elected Officials Orientation Session from the League of Oregon Cities

Mr. Brown encouraged the incoming Mayor and Councilors to attend one of the sessions offered.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

*Councilor Justus invited everyone to the Four Star Real Estate Holiday Mixer on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at Romio's Restaurant, beginning at 5:00pm.

*Councilor Justus asked the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney if he had ever contacted them with regard to the marijuana issues. Hearing them all state no, he directed his further comments to Aaron Varela, who was in the audience and had made a public comment earlier in the meeting. He prided himself on ethics. He thought he had a conflict, and he asked the City Attorney if he had a conflict, he advised if he should vote or not, should he be part of the discussion. He wanted to be just as public in his response to Mr. Varela, as he had been public by his accusations towards him.

*Mr. Brown requested that the Council meeting of December 18th be started at 5:30pm to allow attendance at a social gathering at the Cultural Center at 7:00pm honoring the outgoing Mayor and Councilors.

Unanimous consensus of the Council to begin the December 18th meeting at 5:30pm.

*Councilor Capron suggested moving the Agenda Prep meeting from 10:00am to 5:30pm to allow more Councilors the opportunity to attend.

PUBLIC HEARINGResolution #2018-141: Revenue Bonds (Trinity Health)

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of Resolution #2018-141, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Tori Barnett, City Recorder, presented.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None.

Proponents: John Kirby stated he was the Board Chair for Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Ontario. So you know, and if you look around, we've, over the past two years, spent over \$50M enhancing the medical facilities of this community with the improvements at the hospital. If you haven't had the opportunity to go on a tour, I would urge you to contact myself or Ken Hart. This looks as modern a hospital as you're going to find anywhere in the United States. Also, with the health facility here that used to be the mall at the bottom of the hill, and also our Fruitland facility, but we are working to provide first-class medical care for this community and at this point, I think we are doing so. Thank you.

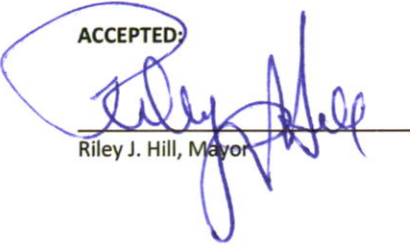
There being no Opponent and no further Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

CRUME moved, seconded by CARTER, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION #2018-141, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2018-141, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OREGON, CONCERNING REVENUE BONDS (TRINITY HEALTH CREDIT GROUP), SERIES 2019MI, ISSUED BY THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

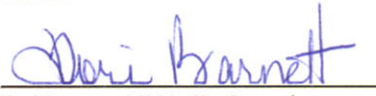
ADJOURN

CAPRON moved, JUSTUS seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Carter-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Jost-out; Verini-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

ACCEPTED:


Riley J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder