



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES May 9, 2019

The scheduled Work Session of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Council President Dan Capron at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Dan Capron, Ramon Palomo, Michael Braden, Marty Justus, and Freddy Rodriguez. Mayor Riley Hill arrived at 12:21.

Members of staff present were Adam Brown, Tori Barnett, Larry Sullivan, Corinna Hysell, Terry Leighton, Dan Cummings, Cliff Leeper, Jason Cooper, Peter Hall, Betsy Roberts, and Dan Beaubien.

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

Councilor Capron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on May 7, 2019. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

Request to move 9(H) Discussion on Support of Ontario 8C School Bond Referendum to 5(C); 5(C) Street Deterioration to 5(D); and 6(A) Proclamation: Older Americans Month to be read following the presentation of 5(B) Snake River Transit Update. Item 9(H) was changed to a Request for Support for a Grant Application by Revitalize Ontario.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **to ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**. Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PRESENTATIONS

SREDA Update (Hand-out attached)
Kit Kamo, Executive Director, presented.

Snake River Transit Update (Hand-out attached)
Loni Thomas, Executive Director, presented.

Proclamation: Older Americans Month (Incorporated through attachment)
Councilor Capron read the Proclamation into the record.

Support of Ontario 8C School Bond Referendum
Nicole Albus, 8C Superintendent, presented.

Street Deterioration Update (Attached)
Betsy Roberts, City Engineer, presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Application: Kirley's, LLC
Jason Cooper, Interim Police Chief, presented.

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE NEW OUTLET, FULL ON-PREMISES COMMERCIAL SALES LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR KIRLEY'S LLC.** Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-no; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 6/1/0.

Liquor License Application: C. Stein, Inc.

Jason Cooper, Interim Police Chief, presented.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE NEW OUTLET, WHOLESALE MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR C. STEIN, INC.** Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Authorize Mayor to Accept Right of Way Donation of Portion of SE 3rd Avenue Under an Administrative Decision in Planning Action 2019-03-23PTN

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter stated, 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.

Dan Cummings, Community Development Director, presented.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None. Proponents: None. There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

CRUME moved, seconded by CAPRON, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR A PORTION OF SE 3RD AVENUE AS SHOWN ON THE FINAL PARTITION PLAT OF H2MK, LLC; SAID PARTITION BEING APPROVED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON MARCH 24, 2019, UNDER PLANNING FILE 2019-03-23PTN AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE HIS SIGNATURE ON THE SAID FINAL PLAT ACCEPTING THE DEDICATED RIGHT OF WAY.** Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Financial Report: Monthly Report

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented. (Report attached)

Community Development: Quarterly Report

Dan Cummings, Community Development Director, presented. (Report attached)

Public Works: Quarterly Report

Cliff Leeper, Public Works Director, presented. (Report attached)

Airport: Quarterly Report

Dan Beaubien, Airport Manager, presented. (Report attached)

Tom Frazier, FBO, Barbara Brody, Aviation Program, Ron Hanks, Flight School Instructor, also provided comments.

HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Letter in Support of SB935; HB2454; HB2456; HB2457 and Letter in Opposition to HB2408

Mayor Hill stated SB935 eliminated licensing for irrigation projects under \$5,000; HB2454 was a buffer time for professional certifications; HB2456 was in regard to rural residential lots. The Boarder Board had been working on that. HB2457 allowed for recruitment of teachers in boarder areas.

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SB935, HB2454, HB2456, AND HB2457.** Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



Mayor Hill stated the letter in opposition was for HB2408, prevailing wage required in Enterprise Zone in excess of \$20M. That would almost negate the Enterprise Zone. The League of Oregon Cities has also come out in opposition to this proposed Bill.

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO SEND A LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO HB2408**. Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) 5-Year Community Economic Development Strategy Plan

Mayor Hill stated the GEODC conducted a survey every few years to make regional strategies, titled CEDS (Community Economic Development Strategy). There were seven counties involved in our region. All the data retrieved from the surveys was compiled into one region, but that didn't adequately reflect what occurred in our boarder area. He contacted GEODC and found that the survey was put together by the University of Oregon. He then contacted the administrator of UofO, and while it was understood that this area was different than the rest of the region. The Mayor's request to the Council was to give consensus for he and Adam Brown to develop verbiage for inclusion in the regional plan. The plan currently did not reflect what happened in Ontario.

Mr. Brown stated he believed the acronym was Coordinated, not Community, as it was coordinated between the counties. Much of the grant availability would depend on the outcome of the survey.

Mayor Hill stated he had also spoken with members of the County Court, and they were also interested in participating on developing language for inclusion in the plan.

Council consensus to move forward on this action.

SRCI Water Contract Extension

Adam Brown, City Manager, stated this was a tough subject to discuss, but they were making progress. He believed it was something that could be wrapped up with the additional three month extension. He was seeking approval to bring forward an extension from the state to allow this to come to completion. The goal was to wrap up the water and wastewater contracts by the expiration of the wastewater contract at the end of September. They met prior to the Work Session and they had developed a strategy that they were ready to put on the table. The city was asking for the extension, not the state. If the city didn't entertain the idea of an extension, because the state was afraid the city might threaten to pull the plug, which the state would then prevent the city from doing, which would send it to a Circuit Court Judge to determine what the appropriate rates would be. There would be two contracts, and they were discussing the water one. It would set the model for the second one. Included was the 10-year capital plan, for both water and wastewater. The state would rather have a 20-year contract, but he didn't feel comfortable estimating that far in advance, especially with the NPDES permit unknowns. He was recommending a 10-year contract, which would include an inflation indicator. When the rates adjusted for other customers, it would adjust equally for the SRCI.

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **THAT THE ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL ALLOW STAFF TO BRING BACK A THREE MONTH EXTENSION FOR THE CITY AND SRCI WATER SERVICES CONTRACT**. Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Support Grant Request

Adam Brown, City Manager, stated this item was for an art grant request the city just received from Revitalize Ontario; the grant was due Monday. It was to cover the utility boxes in the community with artwork.

JUSTUS moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION OF REVITALIZE ONTARIO FOR ARTWORK ON THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL BOXES**. Roll call vote: Braden-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Capron-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

SREDA EDA 2019 Report Card (Attached)

Agenda: Planning Commission 05-13-2019 (Attached)



Minutes

Public Works Committee: 03-12-2019 (Attached)

County Court: 03-27-2019 (Attached)

County Court: 04-03-2019 (Attached)

County Court: 04-17-2019 (Attached)

SREDA: 04-03-2019 (Attached)

Department Stats:

Code Enforcement: Mar, 2019 (Attached)

Police: Mar, 2019 (Attached)

Public Works: Apr, 2019 (Attached)

Fire & Rescue: Apr, 2019 (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Crume thanked everyone involved in the Kyle Petty/Victory Junction organization that came through Ontario last week. The Chamber of Commerce made a big presentation that was not common in every town the riders stopped in.
- Councilor Crume stated with regard to the monthly or quarterly stats from staff, personally, he felt it was overkill. The information was extremely important, but he didn't see the need for having the presentations so often. He suggested maybe half as often.
- Mayor Hill stated he was being contacted by community members with regard to some burned out buildings, non-clean-up of trashy areas, weeds, etc.

Lt. Cooper, Interim Police Chief, stated Officer Brockett was working on those issues. One in particular was on NW 8th Street/NW 4th Avenue, a burned out motor home. That was in the middle of an insurance claim. It was suggested that the owner at least cover the structure. He would look into the status of other current cases.

Terry Leighton, Fire Chief, stated he spoke with Officer Brockett regarding the motor home structure. The one at NW 4th Avenue/NW 2nd Street had been there way too long. It was determined to be a derelict property, so it was in the civil process.

- Councilor Capron stated the Kyle Petty Ride was a big deal, bigger than what other cities had done. The group seemed very impressed. The work by the Chamber was the type of thing Ontario needed.
- Councilor Justus stated last Saturday had been the Chocolate and Wine Walk, and it was a success. Everyone was very happy with the results.
- Councilor Justus stated with regard to code enforcement: the MALL! Why had nothing been done about the mall, before the weeds got to where they currently were.

Mr. Brown stated by code, the weeds had to be 10-12 inches in height. He was told yesterday that letters had already gone out. When the timeframe for response expired, he would be issuing a civil penalty.

- Mayor Hill mentioned the St. Alphonsus Hoe-Down, which was a great success and a lot of money was raised for scholarships.
- Councilor Palomo stated Monday he had attended a gala at Four Rivers Cultural Center, and he wanted to give kudos to the senior prep students from Four Rivers Community School. On Monday night, that group had given \$5,000 worth of donations to five non-profit organizations. Please tell them thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONORS 192.660(2)(e)

An executive session was called at 2:35 p.m. under provisions of ORS 192.660(1)(e) to discussion real property actions. The Council reconvened into regular session at 2:49 p.m.

ADJOURN

PALOMO moved, CAPRON seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.** Unanimous voice agreement.

ACCEPTED:


Dan Capron, Council President

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder