



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 20, 2019

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Riley Hill at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Riley Hill, Dan Capron, Norm Crume, Michael Braden, Freddy Rodriguez, Ramon Palomo, and Marty Justus.

Members of staff present were Adam Brown, Tori Barnett, Larry Sullivan, Terry Leighton, Kari Ott, Dan Cummings, Steven Romero, Peter Hall, and Cliff Leeper.

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

Mayor Hill led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on August 16, 2019. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

CRUME moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Mayor Hill passed the gavel to Council President Capron to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

BRADEN moved, CRUME seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED JULY 3, 2019, COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES; AND JULY 16, 2019, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

SPECIAL ACTION

Mayoral Proclamation: Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Problem Gambling Recover Month – September 2019

Councilor Capron read the Proclamation into the record. *(Copy attached)*

NEW BUSINESS

Remove Appointee from Airport Committee

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

PALOMO moved, RODRIGUEZ seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REMOVE AMANDA VANSICKLE FROM THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE AND ALLOW FOR THE POSITION TO BE FILLED BY THE COMMITTEE ALTERNATE JERRY TROLARD, AND SEEK APPLICANTS TO REFILL THE ALTERNATE POSITION**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



2017-2019 IGA #437-16, FIREFIGHTING FOAM TRAILER, AMENDMENT #1

Terry Leighton, Fire Chief, presented.

JUSTUS moved, CRUME seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT #1 TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT #437-16 2017-2019 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Housing Incentive Program: Rywest Homes Application #1 (72 Sunset Drive)

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION BY RYWEST HOMES AT 72 SUNSET DRIVE FOR THE ONTARIO HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Housing Incentive Program: Rywest Homes Application #2 (64 Sunset Drive)

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

BRADEN moved, PALOMO seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION BY RYWEST HOMES AT 64 SUNSET DRIVE FOR THE ONTARIO HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Financial Assistance for Permanent Supportive Housing Pilot Grant

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

Community in Action will be submitting an application for the Permanent Supportive Housing Development and Operational Team Technical Assistance Cohort. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was trying to build a pilot cohort of communities across Oregon to become ready to build single-family homes and multifamily affordable housing developments. The pilot communities would be well positioned to receive commitments of capital and rent assistance following the pilot project.

Ontario has never had a homeless shelter. A day shelter with showers, meals, cooling and warming, and other amenities existed for several years, but was closed in 2017. A community church has operated a substitute facility for the past two years. The facility to date, has not had the resources to provide much more than meals; however, Community in Action was working with them to add services in the future. That funding source would not go to the extent of having an overnight facility. Having an overnight facility was still a need that must be resolved for our community. Community in Action had facilitated a group representing the agencies needed to provide wrap around support to support and solve issues of homeless individuals and families in our community. The most recent research had shown that intensive wrap around support was needed to solve homeless issues in communities.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department was the state's housing finance agency providing financial and program support for lower and moderate income individuals. Other things they administered were federal and state antipoverty, homeless, energy assistance, and community service programs. OHCS was administering the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) pilot project.

This proposal supported the city's Lifestyle goal and Housing and Affordability Strategy, specifically activities of building a variety of housing options. For the first time, there was a general community-wide census and desire to partner together to address the homeless issue in the city. Committing between \$2,000 and \$5,000 would be enough to demonstrate the city's participation at this point, with the contributions from other service providers. The money could be taken from the contingency budget, which currently had \$282,930. The grant would close on September 6th, so the Council would need to approve this proposal at the September 5, 2019, meeting. If the Council opted to not participate in funding of this project, it was unlikely that the city would be selected as one of the pilot communities, which would have an impact when funding became available to build out in these pilot communities.

Council consensus to add this item to the September Agenda.

HAND-OUTS

Check Register: Attached

July → August 15, 2019

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Crume stated after the previous meeting where the Council opted to change the meeting time for the Work Sessions to 6:00 p.m., he had been approached from members of the community to have the Tuesday night meeting begin at 6:00 p.m., also. That would make all meetings by the Council begin at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Capron suggested placing this for discussion on the September Agenda.

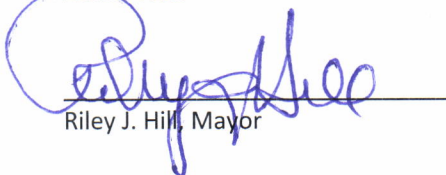
Council consensus to add to the upcoming Agenda.

- Councilor Rodriguez stated the fire hydrant repaint event was awesome, and there was positive feedback from the community. They'd be doing it again on Saturday, September 14th. Anyone who wanted to help was welcome.
- Councilor Justus stated with regard to the Tater Tot Festival, the both at the Malheur County Fair was a great success. The booth gave away 1,100 t-shirts and 3,000 boats of Tater-Tots. Lots of people excited about the Festival coming to Ontario. Revitalize Ontario! had put together a proposal for Ore-Ida, and were waiting for their response. Revitalize was asking for a lot of money for the Festival.
- Councilor Braden stated he was thankful for the Splash Park. They all knew what work it took to get it in place, it had a great kick-off, and it had now been turned over to the Recreation District. His family was at the Park that night, having a great time. It added a lot of talking points and beauty points to this city, and everyone who worked on making it happen did a great job.
- Councilor Palomo stated his thanks for the Tater-Tot Festival! That was being talked about all over the place. And he spoke with people from Weiser, Payette, Fruitland, people who had been going to the Fruitland Splash Pad were now coming to the Ontario Pad. Thank you Ontario and Friends of the Aquatic Center, the whole community!
- Adam Brown stated yesterday he had received an email from Heinz to move forward with the trail easement and land swap, so it was a fist pump for him and Dan Cummings.
- Councilor Capron reminded everyone of the Annual Cardinal-n-Corn dinner August 24th.

ADJOURN

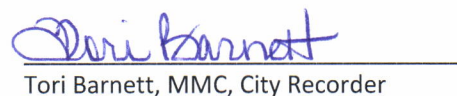
JUSTUS moved, PALOMO seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-yes; Justus-yes; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0. (7:35 p.m.)

ACCEPTED:



Riley J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder