



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 27, 2020

NO SOUND FOR THIS MEETING; MINUTES PROVIDED BY NOTES.

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Riley Hill at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present in person or attended via telephone were Riley Hill, Michael Braden, Norm Crume, Freddy Rodriguez, Ramon Palomo, and Marty Justus.

Members of staff present in person or via telephone were Adam Brown, Tori Barnett, Dan Cummings, Peter Hall, Terry Leighton, Jason Cooper, Steven Romero, Al Cablay, Kari Ott, Larry Sullivan, Betsy Roberts, and Danielle Llamas.

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 October 26, 2020. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

CRUME moved, JUSTUS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Rodriguez-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Braden-yes; Crume-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Romero, Police Chief, introduced Officer Danielle Llamas, who was receiving an award. Officer Llamas was being recognized for her contribution in DUI enforcement for 2019. She received the Officer of the Year by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force. Officer Llamas was a true asset to the Ontario Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #2020-142: City of Ontario NPDES Permit – Permit Modification

Betsy Roberts, City Engineer, presented.

CRUME moved, PALOMO seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2020-142: A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE EXISTING NPDES PERMIT AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION LETTER**. Roll call vote: Rodriguez-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Braden-yes; Crume-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.



NEW BUSINESS**Appointment to Fill Remainder of 2-Year Term**

Mayor Hill stated there were five applicants who were interested in filling the 2-year Council seat that was made vacant by the resignation of Dan Capron. He invited each to speak to the Council and then stand for questions.

The Council heard comments from Ken Hart, Lynelle Christiani, David Armstrong, Candace Shock, and Clyde Esplin. RODRIGUEZ moved, PALOMO seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT KEN HART TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF OUTGOING COUNCILMAN DAN CAPRON.** Roll call vote: Rodriguez-yes; Justus-no; Palomo-yes; Braden-yes; Crume-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

Mr. Hart would be sworn into office at the November 5, 2020, Council Work Session.

Homeless Shelter Siting

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

In collaboration with Community in Action, the city supported an emergency winter transitional shelter project in 2019-2020. Implementation of the project occurred in April of 2020 and endured for just short of one month. The city's participation was a lease with the service providers to use city property. The City Council requested that a follow up report be presented about the accomplishments of the pilot project. Community in Action wrapped up the learning project with a report that has been included.

The City Council requested that city staff provide an opportunity for the public to speak about other alternative locations for the emergency winter shelters. A survey was developed for online participation and the city hosted a listening and feedback session at the Four Rivers Cultural Center on October 23, 2020.

Feedback from the online survey and the in-person participation opportunity was being synthesized. Staff expected that Community in Action would make a recommendation for a site to the City Council. The City Council would approve a site by resolution for this year's emergency shelter and then make zoning changes for a permanent site at a later date. It may be that the optimal site for this year was not the same as a permanent site.

In the planning session for the current budget, the City Council revised its strategic plan to include some assistance for the homeless in Ontario. The City Council budgeted \$10,000 to assist with homeless efforts. That could be used to support the emergency transitional homes or to assist other efforts to help the homeless. Community in Action procured funds to support emergency winter transitional shelters.

Winter was here. Relocation of the units to another site would take some time, but the parties involved had a better idea of the process after going through it last year. Additionally, the units were already built and ready to connect to power which would save time. At the urging of City Council persons, Community in Action had been asked to provide an implementation plan. The City Council must designate an area by resolution. If it became permanent, a zoning change would need to be amended. If the shelters were not moved and the Council wished to operate them at the current location, an additional lease would be needed to approve the operation on city property. The decision could be deferred to the next meeting or any future meeting if additional time were needed for consideration.

Barb Higinbotham, Executive Director, Community in Action, spoke about the sites begin proposed and what Community in Action's involvement would be.

RODRIGUEZ moved, BRADEN seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL TABLE THIS TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020, MEETING.** Roll call vote: Rodriguez-yes; Justus-no; Palomo-yes; Braden-yes; Crume-no; Hill-yes. Motion carried 4/2/0.



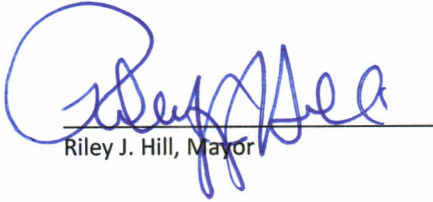
CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Crume gave an update on happenings at the Ontario Airport.

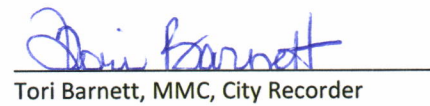
ADJOURN

CRUME moved, JUSTUS seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Rodriguez-yes; Justus-yes; Palomo-yes; Braden-yes; Crume-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 6/0/0.

ACCEPTED:


Riley J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder