# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
## July 12, 2022

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Riley Hill at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were John Kirby, Riley Hill, Michael Braden, Eddie Melendrez, Ken Hart, Susann Mills, and Sam Baker.

Members of staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Terry Leighton, Justin Zysk, Kari Ott, May Swihart, Casey Mordhorst, Al Haun, Michael Iwai, Paul Woods, Gary McLauchlin, and Dustin Mosher.

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 July 8, 2022. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

KIRBY moved, BAKER seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Padilla, Ontario: *Thank you, and I'd come back ten times if it's going to benefit our kids with your support. Thank you so much for having me again.* (Someone coughed; couldn't hear some) *...I put together a letter. In addition, I also submitted a letter of support from our local police chief. He is very well in tune and aware of the benefits of this type of program. Also, the Chief of the Fire Department, he, too, would make a verbal comment, and we've had discussions that I have his support as well. I just want to continue to say thank you for your support. I think what we're doing is tremendous. The Chamber of Commerce, and there are folks who are kind enough to donate $10K to our program for a competition ring. I want to reiterate once again, that my efforts is to bring in as many of the local events as we possibly can, which will, not just help our local kids and their families that want to be involved with what their kids are doing, but it will also open up an opportunity for our local community, small businesses, motels, restaurants, those kind of things, to benefit from the profit of organized individuals that I bring back into our community for our kids. I respectfully, again, request $6K if you can help up us in purchasing the funding. In the letter, also, for your knowledge, it does state that the school is 100%, the district is 100%, in support of my program and there's many others that we're developing. Thank you again for the opportunity. I would just like some clarity. Are you going to need me to come back to the next one to again request this, or how is this going to work?*

Mayor Hill asked for a consensus from the Council to direct staff to have this item on the next agenda to find a source for the $6K as needed. Council consensus.

Councilor Melendrez thanked Mr. Padilla for all he was doing and stated he had helped him a lot when he had the boxing program in Ontario. He had a small gift for Mr. Padilla, of a new set of boxing gloves.

Jaime Tayler, Ontario, stated her first comment was to read a letter from Billy Carter. As he was unable to attend the meeting: *Mayor Hill and the Council, my name is Billy Carter and I have lived in Ontario going on 28 years. As a man of color with family members relocating to Ontario and considering the climate of the United States of America, it is extremely important that our police officers are invested in and know the citizens of our city. The last thing I want to see is officers coming from other communities with issues, making contact with persons of color in our community. However, I think the ordinance should be repealed and a commonsense approach taken to hiring the best qualified candidates to assure the safety and security of the City of Ontario. I think we should trust the process. A possible solution to my concerns is through an intense interview process, an extensive background check, training, and, most importantly, Chief Iwai has stated that he is going to implement community policing. Right now, it is virtually impossible to do community policing if the officers are constantly responding from call to call. For the life of me, I cannot understand why Salem has not allowed an exemption on the land usage law in this area so single family affordable housing can be constructed for families like police officers and fire fighters, so can afford to purchase here in Ontario. You tell them they have to live here but limit their options as to the dwellings they have access to. When you look at the tax base, the emergency responders make peanuts compared to the people making in excess of three figures that work in Ontario and live across the river. The fact of the matter is, Ontario does not have the employee base to sustain the workforce, so we must recruit from outside to obtain a diverse, committed, and qualified workforce. If the crime rate in Ontario continues to increase, the property value will eventually decline, so Ontario will continue to be in a lose-lose situation. With that said, I encourage you to repeal the ordinance and take the restraints off Chief Iwai. Thank you.*

Jaime Tayler, Ontario: *I would also like to echo a lot of what Billy said in his letter. I feel like I'm a huge stakeholder in this community. My great grandparents, grandparents, parents, myself, and my child, currently have been in Ontario, have lived in Ontario, and done a lot of things for the community here, working as farmers and working our way up through society through college and different things like that. I believe that, you know, I have a really strong opinion about residency rights, and it really bothered me that we didn't have administrators in our school district that were residents, as well as hospital employees. There are a lot of hospital employees that are not residents, but they have to, we have to hold a certain standard of experience and expertise and I think we have to be a little bit more open-minded regarding the specifics to the residency policy. I guess the bottom line is, we're kind of living in the old times that being on a border state, having multiple offices here that have other people coming over to work, who have the expertise and willingness, even though they aren't paying taxes in Ontario, and trust me, voting for a bond is really hard to pass when you don't have people who believe in Ontario. I ran the bond committee for the school district, and I was devastated when it didn't pass. A lot of our teachers don't live here, so I couldn't get them to vote for it even though they believed in it. So, I've felt the hurt of not having residents in Ontario and not being able to pass things, but if we want to have a city that continues to prosper and grow, we can't hold ourselves back any longer. I urge you to move forward with changing the residency for our police department and beyond, as Mr. Carter said. Thank you.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### Downtown Attraction Plan: GGLO

Dan Cummings, City Manager Pro Tem, presented. GGLO suggested a meeting with the Mayor and some Councilors, take a trip to Caldwell, to see what they had developed. The Council could do that, or another option was to approve the $70K to move from this phase, to get the design done, so there was a plan in place. As the city moved forward with Moore Park so that whatever the city wanted to put in place, would follow that plan. That was not say they'd spend any more money, because there was still the issue of obtaining ownership of the park. Many were concerned with spending any further funding on a park the city didn't own. He was suggesting getting the design done so there was something to move forward with as funding was located.

Mayor Hill stated his concern on the $70K was if that was the total plan that the city could implement in phases if they wanted?

Mr. Cummings stated that was correct.

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEED WITH THE PLAN PROPOSED IN THE SUMMARY TO MOVE THE DOWNTOWN ATTRACTION PROJECT FORWARD.** *No vote.*

Councilor Braden stated on page 21 of the document showed the highlighted amenities of the plan, and it read no restrooms. Was that wise for this community, to have a gathering place in downtown with no restrooms? Was that part of a strategic decision? What did they want to consider for that missing amenity?

Mr. Cummings stated this was phased out so once a plan was in place, if the Council wanted, they could direct that, for example, in phase one, they wanted a restroom, then the money would be found, and the restroom would be constructed. Having this plan was just that – a plan. He agreed that phase one should include a restroom, but currently there was a lot going on in the park without restrooms. Portable restrooms were being provided by the city. That could continue. Or, if the Council wanted a restroom installed, that would be done.

Councilor Braden stated his question for the Council was did they want to proceed on authorizing a plan that did not include restrooms in any phase of the plan?

May Swihart stated the preliminary design had been presented to the Downtown Committee.

Councilor Hart asked if Mr. Cummings knew where the funds would be coming from. Had those been budgeted?

Mr. Cummings stated yes, for the final plan/study. However, the construction had not been funded.

Councilor Hart asked if it had been budgeted to purchase the land?

Mr. Cummings stated no, that had not been budgeted.

Mr. Hart stated he was not comfortable spending any more funds on a park until the city owned the land. They might need to use part of the $70K and reallocate it to purchase the land before moving forward. Get the land deal figured out, and then spend money.

Councilor Melendrez asked where the city was on the purchase of the land? Was it close to being completed? It was a big concern of his to put money into something that the city did not own.

Mr. Cummings stated his agreed with the concerns of the Council and had made an offer to the owner of the property. The owner counteroffered. There was currently no agreement reached. He agreed that maybe at this stage they should hold off because those funds might be needed towards the purchase of the park. There were other funds appropriated that could also be used. He was fine with not moving forward until the property issue was settled.

Mayor Hill stated he owned the parcel being discussed, and there had not been an agreement reached yet. He had spoken with both Mr. Cummings and members of the community about this issue. He, too, did not think it was wise to spend $70K towards a piece of property that was not owned.

**COUNCILOR MILLS WITHDREW HER MOTION; COUNCILOR KIRBY WITHDREW HIS SECOND ON THE MOTION.**

Council consensus to move on with the next item on the agenda.

**Ordinance #2811-2022: Water Shortage Emergency Code Revision**
Paul Woods, City Engineer, presented.

Mayor Hill stated, historically, what was the highest level the city had reached?

Casey Mordhorst, Public Works Director, stated last summer there had been a chlorine issue and the city was probably at level four. Staff made serious modifications, added an additional auxiliary pump into the river, worked 24/7, and it took about a full week to catch up. It was about an 8-hour issue that took over a week to catch up. That was in the middle of June of 2021, with temperatures at 100⁰+, and the demands were at maximum production capacity. That was not triggered by the community; it was handled internally.

Councilor Kirby stated he believed the Council should be notified when that type of issue occurred. He appreciated the proposed plan.

Mr. Woods stated in their system, there was a very large industrial customer that needed a refreshed agreement, which would provide Kraft/Heinze/Simplot a gradual reduction and curtailment. They consumed a significant quantity of water, and staff wanted to be able to turn down that consumption, gradually, as a large industrial user, and then provide for other users, too. Those conversations had begun with them as a unique customer, to handle them outside of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Cummings stated the ordinance gave authority to the City Manager or the Mayor to enact the clauses. Ideally, Public Works would notify them of any upcoming issue, and the City Manager would include it on the next agenda. However, if it was a "true" emergency, and something had to be done immediately, the Mayor or City Manager had the power to do that. The Council would be notified.

MELENDREZ moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE #2811-2022) AS PRESENTED.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

**Resolution #2022-126: Airport Mowing Contract**
Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

HART moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2022-126: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR AIRPORT MOWING CONTRACT.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

**Resolution #2022-127: Amendment to Residency Requirements**
Dan Cummings, City Manager Pro Tem, presented.

Mayor Hill stated the City of Ontario has always supported the police department, and this Council had never turned down one funding request the department had asked for, for safety or evidence, or whatever. His concern fell to response time that the Chief talked about at the last meeting. He kept thinking about Uvalde. It was a sad thing that should never happen in a community, but having been to Uvalde twice, and it was a nice community. That told him it could happen here. He knew there was going to be a request for body armor, which he was going to support, so they could respond fast, but if they had to go further out in the community for a response time, that concerned him.

Mr. Cummings stated there were several ways to address the response time issue. First, in the next collective bargaining action, a response time could be included in the contract. The Chief believed he would be alright with a 30-minute response time. They had discussed a 15-minute response time; however, for example, he could get from Ontario City Hall to Syringa Springs in Fruitland, Idaho, in 15 minutes under ideal conditions. However, hitting stop lights or congestion, it could go from that 15 to the 20 or 30 minutes. Therefore, 15 made it tough. Coming from 18th Street to get across town, under ideal conditions was 10-15 minutes; traffic conditions, that was pushing it. The 30 minutes was not unreasonable. Also, in the hiring process, because that was done by a points system, it could be added, which had been okayed by both the police chief and HR, to give preference point credit for living in the city limits; living in 8C school district would be lower points added; living in Oregon, lower points; living across the river would be zero preference points.

Mayor Hill asked if the Council would develop the scoring system? What also concerned him was that there was an article in the paper for a position where about 100 applicants applied for 60 openings, and it would be interesting to know where those applicants lived. He believed that over half probably lived in Idaho. There was the influx of low-wage or no-wage earners coming into town, but at the same time the city was shipping all the money to wage earners across the river, and it was not a good balance for this community. It concerned him that they weren't paying attention to the balance, but he didn't know what to do. For the response time issue, if someone was attempting to cross the river between 4-6pm, currently, no one could make it in 20 minutes. Or, from 7-8:30am, no way that could be done in 20 minutes.

Councilor Kirby asked if this might cause an exodus of the current employees out of the community? There were currently employees who were loyal staff, but if they saw that they could get a $125K homestead exemption by going to Idaho, would they leave? There was a need to fulfill the needs of public safety, but was that going to come back to bite the city?

Mr. Cummings stated he could not answer that.

Councilor Hart stated the plea from the chief was for the police department, but what had been drafted was for all city employees. Part of the argument had been that it was needed for public safety, but it was not being done just for that. There were not a ton of other positions with the city, and he did not recall when it had been asked on the survey if it read just public safety or if it read just get rid of the residency for all employees.

Ms. Swihart stated it read for all employees.

Councilor Hart stated another note that had been brought up was the lack of affordable housing. There were currently a lot getting ready to come on the market. He looked on Zillow, and there were 58 homes for sale in Ontario, and 21% of those were $250K or less. For comparison, in Fruitland, there were 69 homes available, but only 9% were $250K or less. There were more affordable homes in Ontario, as a percentage. Also, as to Ms. Tayler's earlier comment, when he made his pitch last time about his concerns, she did a phenomenal job leading those efforts, and they were still unable to pass the bonds. Ms. Tayler voiced how frustrating that was, that people supported it but could not vote for it because they did not live here. In giving it more thought, and speaking with a lot of people, it also struck him that there were frustrations in living on a border town, Oregon vs. Idaho, he argued that Ontario was more conservative than the other side of the state in many things. For example, Measure 110 and how frustrating that was for him. They were never going to be able to make changes in the community if everyone that was frustrated with those policies, did not live here, lived somewhere else, and could not have an impact. When he worked at the hospital, he was blessed to live in the community he served, but now he did not. He now worked in Payette, was a wonderful community, but except for going to work, going to Dutch Bros. and El Kameron, he didn't do anything else in Payette because he lived in Ontario, his kids were in school in Ontario, his church was in Ontario, so Ontario was home. Payette was great, but it was just where he worked. He heard the chief, and he was honest in his concern about trying to find a way to get more flexibility, so he would suggest a compromise to open the area up to instead of the 8C school district, to maybe Malheur County? That would allow them to have staff that lived in Nyssa or Vale, as he had heard concerns about an officer not wanting to live in a community they policed. He believed Ontario paid better than those other two jurisdictions. Instead of making the huge step to get rid of the residency issue completely, try this option for a year of Malheur County to see if that helped.

Councilor Braden stated the chief made the argument that he'd looked at the policy and believed it was a hindrance to him. His request was to revoke it without restrictions. He believed that was the right course of action, and he supported that. These police officers were providers for their families. They needed to provide for their families first, even before their community. If they took a job out of Payette into Ontario, he did not want to tell them they had to move to Ontario. That hindered their freedom and their family's well-being. He and Mayor Hill had been on Council four years and had been through police union negotiations and if they had to fight and lose ground for everything they wanted to achieve in that agreement. They had to fight multiple yeas over the residency requirements. The city had made concessions with the union to get to this point. It was worth noting that as a

Council, that if they revoked this without restrictions, and he'd like them to do, they had bargained for it, and he believed that if they wanted to add in response times in the hiring practices as had been discussed, he believed that would be something that had to be bargained for in that process. It would be more concessions by the city for the police union.

Mayor Hill stated as a Council, they were there to look after the health of this community, and not so much as individuals. He never received a satisfactory answer on how much more the city paid. They discussed the hardship of finding a home, but Ontario paid, he guessed, around 30% more than other jurisdictions. He'd like to see that money stay here. He could agree with Councilor Hart's suggestion, try it for a year. He reiterated the concern on response time as it related to the health of the community.

Councilor Braden stated his belief of an ultimate vote of support for the police chief.

BRADEN moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2022-127: REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S RESIDENCY POLICY.** *No vote.*

HART moved, BAKER seconded, **AMENDED THE MAIN MOTION TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY RESTRICTION FOR NON-DEPARTMENT HEAD EMPLOYEES, THAT THEY MUST RESIDE WITHIN MALHEUR COUNTY.** Roll call vote: Mills-no; Baker-yes; Kirby-no; Hart-yes; Braden-no; Melendrez-no; Hill-yes. Amended motion failed 3/4/0.

KIRBY moved, no second, **TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION THAT IF THE CITY HAD AN EXIDUS OF PRESENT EMPLOYEES TO IDAHO OVER 10% THAT THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS ARE RESCINDED BACK TO THE WHAT THE CITY HAD TODAY.** Amendment died for lack of second.

Councilor Kirby stated for clarification on the 10%-piece, staff would take census today of employees, and if 10% or more of the present residency to Idaho, the city would revert back to what was currently in place. Those who lived in Oregon currently, if, because the opportunity offered by this action, that the city began losing employees to Idaho, the opportunity be rescinded.

<u>Restated original main motion:</u>
BRADEN moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2022-127: REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S RESIDENCY POLICY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-no; Kirby-yes; Hart-no; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-no. Motion carried 4/3/0.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Appointment of City Councilor to Ontario Promise Ad Hoc Committee

With Council support, Mayor Hill **APPOINTED MICHAEL BRADEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL POSITION ON THE ONTARIO PROMISE AD HOC COMMITTEE.**

### Merchant McIntyre: Contract Renewal

Dan Cummings, City Manager Pro Tem, presented.

Mayor Hill stated the federal fiscal year concluded September 1st, so a 90-day contract would take them through the federal fiscal year. He voiced his support for that duration.

Councilor Hart asked staff that during the 90-day period, voicing his concern that this might not be the right firm to use, so he'd ask that staff do a formal process to get some other options for this type of work. Merchant was only federal, did not do anything at the State of Oregon level, where there was a ton of money, so he'd prefer the city have a firm that had more flexibility and could work on federal *and* Oregon grants. He would support the 90-day contract.

Mr. Cummings stated staff was currently seeking other firms who worked with Oregon grants. They'd like to find a firm that did both Oregon and federal.

HART moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF SERVICES FOR MERCHANT MCINTYRE FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS.** *No vote.*

Councilor Braden stated he and the Mayor served on the selection committee for Merchant McIntyre, and he agreed with Councilor Hart in reviewing a different firm. Was the city throwing shade at Merchant by offering only the three-month contract? He personally felt more comfortable going with the six-month contract.

Mr. Cummings stated the three-month contract had been discussed with Merchant, who provided him that option. They did not prefer that option but would work with it.

Councilor Melendrez confirmed that if Merchant did come up with anything in those three months, the city would no longer use their services.

Mayor Hill stated this action would extend the existing contract for three months, see what came of that, and staff would review other options. The city could end up with Merchant McIntyre; it was just unknown.

Councilor Hart stated the city had used Merchant McIntyre for 18 months, so it didn't hurt to review the performance, and look at other options.

HART moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF SERVICES FOR MERCHANT MCINTYRE FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-no; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-no; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/2/0.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Accept Right of Way for a Portion of East Lane South and SE 5th Avenue (Planning Action 2022-03-18 PTN)**

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of stated above, 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 Mayor opened the hearing for public testimony. Opponents: none; Proponents: None. There being no Opponent and no Proponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR A PORTION OF EAST LANE SOUTH AND SE 5TH AVENUE AS SHOWN ON THE PARTITION PLAT, SAID PARTITION BEING APPROVED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON JUNE 6, 2022, UNDER PLANNING FILE 2022-03-18PTN, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE HIS SIGNATURE ON THE FINAL PLAT ACCEPTING THE DEDICATED RIGHT OF WAY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

**Police: Quarterly Report** *(Attached)*
Michael Iwai, Police Chief, presented.

Councilor Braden stated he provided a great introduction regarding Danielle Llamas, and she had been praised before the Council before. He asked for a show of support and appreciation with a round of applause.

Councilor Kirby stated he was curious if the Chief was purchasing 26 vests, and Officer Llamas was a smaller frame, and there were larger officers, how did the sizing work and would, after the purchase, the vests continue to meet the needs of the organization.

Chief Iwai stated the vests were predominantly unisex and could be set for any size.

Councilor Hart stated there was no prepared resolution for this, and did the Chief have money already in the budget that could be allocated to this purchase, or did they need a consensus to have staff come back at the next meeting with a resolution showing how the vests would be paid for?

Mr. Cummings stated the vests could be purchased through the Public Safety Fund. There was currently $137K in the fund. They could move to pay for the vests from that fund. Staff would need to create a resolution to appropriate the funds.

Consensus for staff to bring back a resolution at the next meeting to pay for the vests from the Public Safety Fund.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Airport Beacon Purchase**
Justin Zysk, Airport Manager, presented.

Mayor Hill confirmed there had been $18K set aside for the other lights, and the request was to defer those lights and purchase the beacon.

Mr. Zysk stated that was correct. There had been $16K towards that line item. This purchase would be just under $12K, so there would be the $4K remaining to purchase a small number of lights.

Mr. Cummings stated the reason this was a discussion item was because the funding for the lighting had already been approved; this issue came up as an emergency. He had authority to sign the purchase order, but he wanted to bring it before the Council for review and discussion. However, if the Council did not feel this was a priority, staff would not move forward.

Consensus to move forward with the purchase.

**Proposed Resolution #2022-128: Ontario Promise**
Councilor Ken Hart presented.

BAKER moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2022-128: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #2022-102 TO UPDATE THE ONTARIO PROMISE 529 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BY CHANGING THE STUDENT BOUNDARIES AND ESTABLISH 529 ACCOUNTS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE 97914 ZIP CODE AREA.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Councilor Kirby asked about students who had an existing 529 account.

Councilor Hart stated the ad hoc committee spoke about that. For the 76 students that met the criteria, as an example, he had two – a daughter who was a junior, and a daughter who was a junior in college. The college student did not get the $25, but the other daughter should. The process would be gone through manually to make sure that they received the $25. Those students should not be penalized for their parents already setting up a 529 plan.

## HAND OUTS

**Department Monthly Stats** *(Attached)*
Public Works, Police, Code Enforcement, Fire: June, 2022

**Minutes** *(Attached)*
County Court: May 5, 2022; May 12, 2022; June 15, 2022

## CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Councilor Melendrez thanked Councilor Hart for the 529 plan, while hoping his own kids would receive scholarships, he would now begin to put money into that savings account.

Councilor Melendrez stated on Sunday he attended the neighborhood watch meeting. Chief Iwai was in attendance and gave a great presentation. He learned a lot about the neighborhood and block or section coordinators, and the main coordinator would bring concerns to law enforcement. That would provide better awareness around the community. Along those lines, with planning, like when the gentlemen came about a year ago regarding the eastside and the speeding traffic and adding stop signs. He wanted that on the Planning Department's radar that the neighborhood group had some of the same concerns about students speeding and a lot of activity. He was asking for maybe some "slow" signs or speed limit signs.

Councilor Hart stated he attended the speed boat race Saturday and was pleasantly surprised. It was loud, but was a lot of fun. The attendance was lower this round, but he believed September was the larger race. He hoped there would be more grass and less mud. If folks hadn't attended yet, he suggested they take the opportunity.

Mayor Hill echoed those comments. He had attended the first event, and his only regret was not getting to ride in one.

Mr. Cummings reminded the Council that on July 8th he had sent an email about the ballot measures for the 2023 legislation action. He needed the Council to make their selections and get them back to him.

## ADJOURN

MILLS moved, BAKER seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Braden-yes; Melendrez-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

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| Riley J. Hill, Mayor | Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder |