



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Regular Session
REMOTE

Approved: April 14, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Dick Olsen, Matilda Novak, Stacey Bartholomew, Ray Kopczynski, Bessie Johnson, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None.

Business from the Public

6:01 p.m.

The following persons submitted items for the record:

James Cahill, Albany, regarding Hazelwood Park and homelessness.

The following persons signed up to speak:

Kacey Harvey, Albany. Harvey did not attend.

Nicole Schukow, Albany, spoke about living in the neighborhood by Hazelwood Park. She described multiple incidents of crime, squatters, and drug use. The neighbors are tired of calling police and need the councilors to hear their concerns.

First reading of ordinance

- a. Amending AMC Chapters 7.84.190, Requirements for shopping cart providers, and 7.84.200, Retrieval and disposal of carts – fees.

Code Compliance Officer Kris Schendel said the ordinance was considered at the March 8 work session. There are no changes.

Councilor Bessie Johnson asked what happens to the carts being used by homeless. Schendel said that is up to the store. Schendel and Community Services officers have been talking to stores and receiving feedback about the ordinance.

City Attorney Sean Kidd read the ordinance for the first time in title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) CHAPTER 7.84.190 REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOPPING CART PROVIDERS AND 7.84.200 RETRIEVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CARTS – FEES.

MOTION: Johnson moved to have the ordinance read a second time in title only and Councilor Marilyn Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Kidd read the ordinance for the second time in title only.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the ordinance and Johnson seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Ordinance No. 5954.

Adoption of Resolutions

6:15 p.m.

- a. Applying for Assistance to Firefighters grant for CPR devices.

Fire Chief Shane Wooton said these devices allow employees to perform hands-free CPR on patients.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution and Councilor Ray Kopczynski seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6968.

- b. Applying for 2020 SAFER grant for hiring firefighters.

Wooton said staff has received this grant in the past. Due to COVID, the grant now covers 100 percent of wages and benefits for three years, and they cannot be laid off during the three years. The firefighters will be put at Station 14. A lot might change with staffing over next few months, but in order to apply for the grant, they had to provide current department statistics. If awarded, Wooton would ask the council for permission to accept the funds from FEMA.

Councilor Dick Olsen asked if the budget constrictions in the upcoming year will be shared equally by departments. City Manager Peter Troedsson said it's a 50/50 chance we will receive the grant. If we ended up reducing FTEs, we would then have to go back to the granting agency for approval of layoffs without penalty. As to sharing the pain, yes, each department director is dealing with reductions that are approximately equal in percentage. There are a few priorities, but the overall philosophy is a generally similar reduction across the board.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution and Councilor Matilda Novak seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6969.

- c. Accepting Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) grant for weather improvements at Albany Municipal Airport.

Transportation Manager Robb Romeo said this grant from COAR is for an automated weather observation system (AWOS). An AWOS is an important tool for pilot safety, and it is listed in the 2016 Airport Master Plan. The FAA will pay 90% and the city will pay a 10% local match. The COAR grant will pay 90 percent of Albany's local match, so Albany's cost will be \$3,944. This is leading edge technology. They will get bids in April and break ground this summer.

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the resolution and Kopczynski seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6970.

- d. Accepting ODOT funding for Salem Avenue bridge improvements

Public Works Engineering Director Staci Belcastro said the original bridge was built in the 1940s. The soil washed away from the footings and it is susceptible to cracking; the proposed improvements will address scouring and cracks in the foundation. The two pedestrian bridges are in good condition. ODOT requires a 10.27 percent local match from the city.

MOTION: Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution and Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6971.

Award of Contract

6:35 p.m.

- a. ST-21-05, 2021 Slurry Seal.

Engineering Associate I Andrew Monaco said the low bidder was Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc, of Sparks, Nevada. There were good bids and they came in under the \$200,000 budget. Staff is requesting approval of the contract for \$105,622 and a change order for \$70,872, as outlined in the staff memo.

Smith noted that this is the first time we've been able to slurry seal since 2009; this pot of money is not funded by property tax revenue.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the contract in the amount of \$105,622.00 to Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc. Kopczynski seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

6:40 p.m.

Troedsson noted that item b., ratifying appointment of Roosevelt Gray to the CARA Advisory Board, should be removed from the consent agenda, because that appointment should be made by the Albany Revitalization Agency.

- a. Accepting Dana Morris' resignation from the Human Relations Commission and Community Development Commission.
- b. Ratifying appointment of Roosevelt Gray to the CARA Advisory Board.
- c. Approval of minutes
 - 1) January 27, 2021, meeting minutes.
- d. Recommendation to OLCC
 - 1) Approve off-premises liquor license application for Tom Tom Deli & Market, Virk Petroleum Albany LLC, 321 Airport Road SE.
- e. Certifying tax-exempt properties – Jeanna Yeager.
 - 1) Songbird Village, Map No. 11A-3W-7CD, Tax Lot 901 RES NO. 6972
 - 2) Periwinkle Place, Map No. 11S-3W-8DB, Tax Lot 5200 RES NO. 6973
 - 3) ParkRose, Map No. 11S-3W-8BA, Tax Lot 3101 RES NO. 6974
 - 4) 1680-1682 Oak Street SE, Map No. 11S-3W-7DA, Tax Lot 4000 RES NO. 6975
 - 5) 515 Geary Street SE, Map 11S-3W-5CD, Tax Lot 3200 RES NO. 6976

MOTION: Johnson moved to adopt the consent agenda with item b. removed. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Item b. will be on the March 17, 2021, Albany Revitalization Agency agenda.

Staff Report

Temporary extension of contract for financial advisory services.

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager said this will extend the contract with Piper Jaffrey. The city will be issuing a request for proposals in December. We are currently discussing refinancing an existing water bond with them and Yeager would like to continue that discussion as opposed to starting over with a new vendor.

MOTION: Smith moved to extend the contract and Novak seconded. The motion passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 6977.

Business from the council

Johnson reported as a member of the Audit Committee. The annual meeting went well; the auditors reported no extenuating circumstances. The issues from past audits were corrected this year. They also discussed the Transient Lodging Tax and audited twelve hotels.

Johnson II noted that he's suggested some of the CAG groups merge in order to free up staff time. Smith said that Corvallis recently did that and might have good information to share.

Johnson II asked for a moment of silence to honor Linn County Commissioner John Lindsay who had passed away recently.

Johnson II said the Human Relations Commission has been conducting interviews with members of the council.

Troedsson said the council will do their first hybrid meeting at the April 12, 2021, work session.

Recess to executive session to discuss current litigation or litigation likely to be filed in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

The executive session recessed at 6:49 p.m.

Reconvene

The regular session reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

City manager report

Troedsson said the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) policy boards met recently and support staff moving forward with applying for a transportation and growth management grant to address regional congestion and capacity issues on Hwy 20 between Corvallis and Albany. Kopczynski was there as well. They also considered bike and pedestrian paths and will be increasing counting stations.

Next meeting dates

Monday, March 22, 2021; 4 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 24, 2021; 6 p.m. regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mary Dibble
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson
City Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*