

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Regular Session, Public Hearing & Executive Session
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bennett.

Members Present: Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Tim Stratis, Maureen Weathers

Staff Present: CA Jeremy Caudle, Public Works Director Max Baker

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

Mayor Bennett requested a change to the agenda:

New Business:

1. **Oakridge Police Chief Kevin Martin and Lt. Neil Ritz make their presentation regarding options for expanding law enforcement services.**
2. **Presentation from Curt Wilson of Wilson Architecture on status of the City Hall and Maggie Osgood Library construction project.**

Consent Agenda: Councilor Weathers moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilor Stratis. **PASS 4:0**

City Administrator Report: CA Caudle presented report which included Library renovation project update, Park renovation update, E Main Street property update. BBJ Committee has an upcoming meeting 1/24/2022. Update on the Sunridge subdivision and Oregon Department of Forestry efforts to mitigate forest fire risk. CA in a call with RAIN and PAC-12 rowing regarding event scheduled for May 13-15 on Dexter Lake.

Public Works Report: Max Baker, Public Works Director presented report which included the Streets and Parks. Replacement of 60 more water meters for a current total of 210 new meters. Wastewater treatment plant. Meeting with US Army Corp of Engineers regarding fish injunction and changes to Lookout Point and Dexter Dam.

Police Report: December report provided in packet.

Old Business:

1. **Second reading approval of Ordinance #305, "An ordinance to adopt text amendments to the Lowell Development Code to incorporate the Oregon State Model Floodplain Code." Councilor Stratis made a motion for the second reading, second by Councilor Harris **PASS 4:0****
2. **Ordinance #305, "An ordinance to adopt text amendments to the Lowell Development Code to incorporate the Oregon State Model Floodplain Code." Councilor Weathers made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilor Stratis **PASS 4:0****

New Business:

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- First reading, by title only, of Ordinance #306, “An ordinance designating qualified employees, establishing a local appeal board, authorizing a periodic independent audit of the finances of the City’s building inspection program, ratifying discretionary decisions made by the contract building official made before January 1, 2022, and declaring an emergency.” Councilor Stratis made a motion for a second reading, this was seconded by Councilor Weathers PASS 4:0

Regular session recesses at 8:51 pm

Public Hearing open at 8:51 pm

Public hearing on Ordinance #306, “An ordinance designating qualified employees, establishing a local appeal board, authorizing a periodic independent audit of the finances of the City’s building inspection program, ratifying discretionary decisions made by the contract building official made before January 1, 2022, and declaring an emergency.”

Public comments for – none

Public comment against – none

Regular session reconvened 8:53 pm

- Second reading of by title only Ordinance #306, “An ordinance designating qualified employees, establishing a local appeal board, authorizing a periodic independent audit of the finances of the City’s building inspection program, ratifying discretionary decisions made by the contract building official made before January 1, 2022, and declaring an emergency.” Scheduled January 26, 2022. Councilor Stratis made a motion, seconded by Councilor Weathers PASS 4:0
- Follow up discussion and direction requested regarding opportunities to match the City’s Land and Water Conservation Fund grant with other grants. – hold on decision until June 2022
- Rescheduling annual City Council planning retreat for February 26, 2022.
- Motion to approve Resolution #773,” A resolution adopting guiding principles for the City Council.” Motion to approve made by Mayor Bennett, second made by Councilor Stratis. PASS 4:0
- Tabled the Resolution #774, “A resolution to set forth the City Council’s policy on the financing of improvements to the City’s parks for further discussion Motion to table motion by Councilor Stratis, seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 4:0

Other Business

- City Councilor resignation. Mayor Bennett made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilor John Myers, Councilor Stratis made a second. PASS 4:0

Mayor Comments: Spoke regarding a meeting with Lane County about widening the road from Eugene to Veneta to four lanes and a bike lane

Councilor Comments: None

Community Comments:

- **George Wild of 200 Marina Vista Drive – Had questions regarding the Parks and the financing of the parks**
- **Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd Street – expressed frustration regarding lack of meetings by the Parks Committee**

Recess Regular Session: 9:33 PM

The **Executive Session** was called to order at 9:36 PM by Mayor Bennett.

Members Present: Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Tim Stratis, Maureen Weathers

Staff Present: CA Jeremy Caudle

Executive Sessions are closed to the public. Representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend Executive Sessions. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the Executive Session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No Executive Session may be held for the purpose of taking final action or making any final decision

- **To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of a staff member who does not request an open hearing. – ORS 192.660(2)(i)**


Adjourn the Executive Session. 9:42 PM

The Regular Meeting will reconvene immediately following


Reconvene Regular Session: 9:43 PM

1. **Step increase for City Clerk. Councilor Stratis made a motion to approve the pay increase of the City Clerk from step 4 - Step 5, Seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 4:0**
2. **Councilor Stratis made a motion to amend the previous motion to read that the pay increase for the City Clerk would be from Step 5 to Step 6, this was seconded again by Councilor Weathers. PASS 4:0**

Adjourn: 9:49 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

4-19-2022
Date

Attest: 
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

4/20/22
Date