



July 20, 2017
City Council Regular Session
Willamette Activity Center, Rm 8
47674 School Street
7:00 p.m.



MINUTES

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Present: Jim Coey, Mayor
Judy Rowland
Gary Carl, Council President
Josh McMillin
Barry Taylor
Paul Forcum
Kathy Holston

Staff Present: Louis Gomez, City Administrator
Mike Hansen, Fire Chief
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner
Susie LaDuke, Finance Director/City Recorder
Kevin Martin, Police Chief (absent)
Rick Zylstra, Assistant to the City Administrator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Rustie Ackland 48265 Commercial St – The Chamber wanted to thank the council for allowing the Side by Sides to ride along our streets. They had about 56 registered vehicles plus volunteers. They loved the community and there was a lot of ranting and raving about how they were treated.

3.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Coey said he missed the Side by Side event, he talked to John and he said there was 40 signed up and then it went up to 60. Everything went well, the event was exceptional, he hasn't heard back from the Forest Service yet.

Next Wednesday, August 2nd at 5:30 P.M., Congressman Peter DeFazio will be here for a town Hall Meeting at the High School in Carver Auditorium. At 4:00 P.M. they will be meeting with him, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Commissioner Gary Williams, UP and Amtrak. They will talk about Amtrak and UP and getting a station here. Louis and the Mayor will be meeting with Gary Williams at 2:30 to talk about some City & County issues going on.

Councilor Holston asked Rustie Ackland or Loren Hogue if they have a report on the fireworks?

Loren gave a report on the items sold, the Chamber didn't make a profit, but all the bills are paid.

Councilor Taylor said he had a couple of people approach him about the side by side, the complaint was that they didn't know what the speed limit was.

Mayor Coey said that is one thing he and Louis talked about, there is a State guideline now, and we are going to create our own now. We are going to have to set up a route instead of letting them fly up and down First Street. It did go off without a hitch though, businesses were happy, the riders were happy and John was happy.

Councilor Rowland reminded everyone that Tuesday August 1st is the National Night Out at Greenwaters Park. This is put on by the police department. There will be a BBQ and lots of things to look at.

4.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Louis asked to add an Executive Session.

Councilor Holston asked if she can add an item to the agenda regarding the logo.

Louis said yes we can add it as 6.8.

Mayor Coey said let's do it after 6.3 so Kari doesn't have to stay through the whole thing. Let's just move everything down.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

J. McMillin (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6.1 City Administrators Report

Louis handed out copies of his report to the Council and to members of the audience.

PM 2.5- Mayor Coey said he got an email today from Julia Babcock who is the facilitator for Oregon Solutions. Because of the air quality issue that we have, we have been accepted by the Governor's Office to be a part of Oregon Solutions, and that is to basically find the solution funding our air quality issue. We actually have a plan whereas no one else really has one.

Emerald Broadband- Louis is waiting for them to send him back a lease, we are expecting to just charge them just \$450 a month right now, with the ability to be able to review that. This is something that we really need.

CMAQ- Congestion, Mitigation Air Quality dollars, it looks like they've got their person in play, so hopefully we will be hearing something on our summary of different projects like the crosswalk, the money for LTD for the Diamond Express, that is another one that is pretty heavy.

Councilor Rowland asked if we are still going to buy a bus to come down here?

Louis said the Diamond Express is still in process, from his understanding they had at least three interested parties that submitted bids.

Councilor Carl asked if there has been any further development on the Crater Lake signage issue?

Louis said he hasn't heard anything at this time, he will follow up with Paul Thompson.

Councilor Carl said since it's a month until our next meeting, if you hear anything will you let him know?

Louis said yes he will.

6.2 City Recorder Finance Report

Susan presented the City Recorders Finance Report to the Council.

Motion: Councilor Forcum moved to approve the City Recorders Financial Report as presented. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

G. Carl (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.3 Eugene Coast to Cascades Presentation

Kari Westlund the Director of Travel Oregon gave a presentation from the Eugene Coast to Cascades on tourism in our area.

Oakridge is on the cover of Outdoors Northwest, Oakridge is on the cover of this issue. She brought a few copies for the Council.

Mayor Coey asked Kari what her thoughts on adding an Oakridge room tax.

Kari said our volumes are pretty low, the way the code works is when Lane County passed the code it was originally a 5% tax, around 1974-1976 and that ordinance allowed a city to trigger their code and keep either 2 or 3 of their 5 points. She could help figure out what we have to do in terms of dollars, it wouldn't be a lot of money.

Councilor Holston asked if that tax would affect the RV parks?

Kari said yes, as long as they are inside city limits.

Mayor Coey asked Kari what she thinks about our logo? This has been the topic of conversation for the past few weeks.

Kari said speaking to the mountain biking first, she has worked with Oakridge for 21 years, you are not that different than other communities in wrestling with these types of issues because there is more than one thing to do everywhere. In every community there are advocates for a wide variety of activities and everyone wants to see what they feel the strongest about be put forward. She will tell you that we have a pretty special asset in these single track trails. What Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest tells her immediately about Oakridge is that we have mountains, whereas the previous, Center of Recreation didn't really give her any context. You could have great outdoor recreation in Arizona if you love the desert. Outdoor recreation is a lot of different things to a lot of different people. Mountain biking denotes mountains, it denotes trails and that denotes water. You can't be everything to everyone. You've got to pick something and the fastest horse in your stable is this great asset and why you would put your fastest horse to the side and ride another horse that you love, but isn't as fast, is not a good decision for you and all she can do is give you the advice she has been asked for. There has been so much invested on your behalf, Travel Oregon has invested, IMBA has invested, you have invested. You could add to it, but not leave it.

Mayor Coey asked Kari what she thought about the city logo?

Kari said it looks pretty conceptual but she is not an expert on graphics, it shows all of our elements, the sun, mountains and water, it is stronger than a lot. She does understand where other people are coming from when they say they don't want Oakridge only known for mountain biking because we are a lot of other things, but she does think we own it, you are so lucky. No one is right or wrong about this, it is really about trying to get the emotion out of it and making an objective economic decision.

Councilor Rowland asked Kari if she has looked into any other towns in the Northwest to see if they are the Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest and have been for over 75 years?

Kari said they weren't aware of that.

Councilor Rowland said she believes it's Redmond Washington, she isn't sure, but she did see that.

Mayor Coey thanked Kari for her opinion.

6.4 City Logo Discussion

Councilor Holston said the Council had some discussion about the logo at the work session and then her, Louis and Susie had a meeting and talked about the logo. Some of the things they believed were erroneous, on all of their parts, she just assumed that the Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest had been voted, stamped, sealed and approved and was what it was and had been that way for a long time. Susie and Louis both said they didn't believe it was that way. Councilor Holston handed out the Visitor Readiness Report that was done in 2009 and the minutes from February of 2009 where the council approved the recommendations and asked the city staff to move forward to implementing as budget permits.

Louis said he sent a pdf version to the council.

On the Visitor Readiness Report, on the back page it says recommended actions, those are the ones we have been talking about this evening. It shows what the council in 2009 decided and the importance of having a strategic logo and how they viewed what was going on, which is very similar to what we do right

now. The minutes also reflect what they voted, on the third page. She is just asking the council to consider this and consider it in light of our own personal views about what our logo is and what it stands for for our community. She is a strong supporter of leaving it the way it is except for the lettering, maybe we can have someone who is a pro look at it and tweak it a little.

Councilor Carl said it wouldn't it be nice to have a crystal ball where we could see the future, see where things are going to be ten years from today? We can do that with this report, now we have a crystal ball, we can look at this report from 2009 to 2017 and see what has transpired.

Mayor Coey said the last time he read this in around 2012-2013, we had around 83 action items and we had at that time achieved about half of them. They mention in this report all the assets we have, the gold in the hills is the mountain biking. He has talked to Cycle Oregon about this, they could come here and ride for four days. Cycle Oregon is amazing at what they do. The vote that happened in 2009 said we accept this and we want to do this and in the report it says this is what you should do. There is plenty of response from outside that says this is what we need to do.

Councilor Rowland asked if we are going to take it before the people for a vote.

Mayor Coey said this is a council vote.

Councilor Rowland said aren't we representing all of the people of Oakridge?

Mayor Coey said we are, this council represents the community vote. You have seven individuals up here representing the community in all of our decisions.

Louis said we will give you some graphic designs to look at and choose from.

6.5 MASA Insurance

This was presented to you at the work session. Even though we didn't budget for this Louis wanted to bring it to the council for a vote.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we approve the agreement with MASA for Medical Transport Benefits. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Mayor Coey said this is for \$8,000 and is paid for by the city for employees and volunteers. If you travel out of country you can pay the additional several hundred dollars.

K. Holston (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.6 Hwy 58 RRFB Crosswalk Bid

Louis said we had five bids come in which was unusual for such a small job. We had Tornado Soft Excavation that came in at \$107,291.00, Brown Contracting \$124,922.00, Professional Underground Services \$121,870.00, AAKEN Corp \$116,215.00 and Wildish Construction \$136,000.00. Louis is recommending we accept the bid from Tornado Soft Excavation for \$107,291.00.

Mayor Coey asked if Curran-McLeod qualify each of the candidates when they did the qualifications?

Louis said yes they did.

Motion: Councilor Holston moved that we accept and award the bid for Construction of the Hwy 58 rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) to Tornado Soft Excavation in the amount of \$107,291.00. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

P. Forcum (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), G. Carl (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

6.7 Presentation of revised Animal Ordinance for Discussion

Louis said please start looking at the ordinance, chop it up, add stuff to it and write down questions that you might have and we will bring this back to the next meeting.

6.8 SDC Rate Discussion

Louis said the resolution from Lowell is for an example only on what a resolution would look like. Louis is working with LCOG and our CPA to make sure we do this correctly. This is something we should have in place.

7.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Street Closure Request for Cycle Oregon

The Community Coordinator is asking the council for the street closure for Cycle Oregon.

Councilor Holston said this is a much broader time frame from what they believe they will need, they just haven't gotten all of the answers back from Cycle Oregon on when they will set up and tear down.

Councilor Holston asked if she can vote on this?

Louis asked Councilor Holston if she is going to receive any money from this?

Councilor Holston said she won't personally, but the Chamber will.

Mayor Coey said there is money for the coordinator position but they have chosen to donate it.

Louis said it is not a conflict or a potential conflict because she sits on a nonprofit.

Motion: Councilor Forcum moved that we approve the Street Closure for the Cycle Oregon event on September 14, 2017 between Cedar and Pine Street starting at 12:00 P.M. ending at 11:00 P.M. Councilor McMillin seconded the motion.

There was discussion on where the event is going to be held and hours that the street will need to be closed off.

G. Carl (Aye), K. Holston (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

8.0 POLICE SERVICES

8.1 Police Services Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lowell

Louis said this is something we have been doing since 2003 and one of the questions that normally comes up is are we at least breaking even? He can tell you that at approximately \$54.00 an hour for our people to be down there yes we are breaking even.

Mayor Coey asked when the clock starts?

Louis said from the time they leave the police department the clock starts.

Councilor Holston said she has heard Louis say that sometimes he does that as a volunteer so that is volunteer time that is not being covered by wages. If for some reason we have no more volunteers and our paid officers have to do it then would we be in the hole?

Louis said no, we would break even, this is not 24/7.

Mayor Coey said he doesn't know why we can't add 3% to this to cover incidentals.

Louis said we can on our next contract, he thinks Lowell would be open to that. Westfir is open to increasing at 10%.

Motion: Councilor Taylor moved to authorize the City of Oakridge to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lowell for Law Enforcement Services. Councilor Rowland seconded the motion.

Councilor Holston said she remembers this discussion from last year and they said they should reexamine this next year, and now here we are in next year, how are we going to remember to do this because it is not happening? She is worried about breaking even.

K. Holston (Aye), P. Forcum (Aye), Mayor Coey (Aye), B. Taylor (Aye), J. Rowland (Aye), J. McMillin (Aye), G. Carl (Aye). Motion carried 7-0

Louis gave the police report from June 2017.

9.0 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Hansen gave his report for the month of June 2017.

10.0 REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEE

Adjourn meeting for Executive Session 8:57 P.M.

Executive Session: 192.660 (2) (f) to consider information or records that are exempt from by disclosure by law including written advice from your attorney.

Executive Session in 9:01 P.M.

Executive Session out 9:10 P.M.

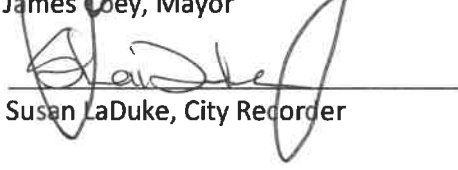
Regular Session open and adjourn Meeting 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted before the City Council August 17, 2017

Signed:


James Coey, Mayor

Signed:


Susan LaDuke, City Recorder