

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK
20 August 2018

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting were Councilman Art Winslow, Councilman Matthew Castor, Councilman Jim Akers, and Councilman Brian Davey.

Residents present: Chris Williams, Lisa Higgins, Michelle Montross, Fay Reynolds, Mike Reynolds, Dan Chavez.

Approval of the August 6, 2018 City Council minutes. Approved as presented.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Satterthwaite: Service calls were up, mostly vacation checks. Eight traffic stops and one theft call. We've been saturating the areas during the evening, lots of activity in Maywood after 10pm. Lots of foot traffic between Gateway and Maywood, several fires in that area. Rocky Butte area is mostly clear, some trash accumulating there. We've had some dumped vehicles recently in Maywood, residents have called them in. Take precautions with the smoke, it can be hard to breathe if you're out for a while or with your pets, the next two days will be worse.

OLD BUSINESS

Castor: Mark has been in touch with PBOT about the traffic study they conducted for themselves, the outcome of that situation was that we reiterated that we do not support their project and they stated they still do not have a plan for the project. We have quote from our own traffic study contractor, we'll have them do a study in a few weeks.

Jim, tree trimming ordinance?

Akers: I'm still waiting to hear back.

Castor: Art, anything new on zoning?

Winslow: Mt Hood community college recently requested to know our zoning for their property here and we don't know why.

Castor: Any suspicions?

Winslow: Well, with the loss of their bond measure they may be making new plans.

Castor: Did you let them know the zoning may be changing?

Winslow: No, we are still working on that.

Castor: Brian, anything new on lighting? Any bids?

Davey: Before I do bids I'm working on a diagram and scope of the project before we request bids, so we know what we're looking for.

Castor: Do you need input from us on any of that plan?

Davey: Not today, but I may soon for the light heads.

Castor: Do you know if they have in ground well-light options?

Davey: That's what I'm looking into, I'll let you know.

Castor: Wastewater system update, I got good news from FCS, they verified against the state code, we thought there was a 3% property value limitation on property value bond measures, we thought we wouldn't be able to fully fund a sewer project with that amount. They found that there are some exceptions to that cap and sewer systems is one of them. That will make the process easier if we do a bond measure. It will likely be ready to present by this fall.

Davey: Do they make recommendations for grants?

Castor: We met with three different agencies, and they said the days of grants for those projects have dried up. The good thing is there is competition between these agencies and they have different timelines, so we can work to get a better rate on that. In some situations, those agencies will forgive the interest if you're adding additional infrastructure.

Castor: Nothing new on franchises. Nothing new on Maywood Commons. Public safety Jim?

Akers: No, the sheriff covered everything.

Castor: I took pictures of the fountain and we may work with a contractor to repair it if the cost is right. If not I may be doing it myself.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident (Chavez?): Can we look into the possibility of providing universal internet access to all of Maywood? Other cities have done that.

Castor: I've never heard of that.

Resident: I think Dallas or Dayton have done it. I thought since we're always dealing with this cable franchise agreement, it sounded like a neat idea. I haven't researched it much.

Castor: I'll look into it.

Mike: Is there a date for the bike path renovation?

Castor: They pushed it back, they are aiming for this fall.

Mike: We had some ideas for the diverter and thought we should hold off until we know what's happening with the path.

Castor: I know Mark had just talked with Hidalgo, she connected him with the person in charge and they still didn't have a date yet.

Mike: Is there a process to present a request for signage, like no parking at the end of Maywood Place? How did they get the ones on Campaign?

Castor: We identified that spot as having a need and we worked with the county on it. There is a cost, so we'd have to discuss that.

Mike: Maybe we can discuss the verbiage, I don't want to make it inconvenient but we had two campers parked there this weekend. We'd like "by permit", or a time limit.

Winslow: This has come up before and I have talked with Mark about it as well. People along Maywood Place should be in agreement before we make any decisions on that. Parking is getting worse with the opening of Gateway Green. There should be no parking between 10pm and 6am.

Mike: We just want to be considerate to people that legitimately need to park.

Castor: We have tried to be careful about not putting too many signs in Maywood, cluttering up the city.

Mike's wife: Up near 102nd it's just an accident waiting to happen, when people park by that curb.

Castor: We are looking into that with considering closing Maywood Place, creating cul-de-sac.

Michelle Montross: We were wondering if we could get a sign that said no parking from here to curb, from where the flags and sign is up to 102nd.

Castor: Do you have a sense of who is parking there? Residents?

Montross: I've only seen one resident parking there, and they do that because people keep pulling U-turns in their driveway.

Castor: I don't think we're under any illusion that if we turned it into a cul-de-sac that we'd create a parking problem with Gateway Green. The traffic study will help identify who is coming in and passing through and who is staying in Maywood. I need to make sure the cameras have the capability to tell which vehicles are exiting on 102nd, so we can count U-turns.

Davey: What if we put up pay meters?

Castor: We have half-jokingly discussed that but we've haven't assessed the cost for that.

Mike: What do you do if they don't pay?

Castor: Yeah, I don't know. The numbers probably don't pencil out, with the cost of someone to chase them down.

Mike: Where are we at with landscaping at Maywood Place and Mason/96th? There is a poke-weed there which is a toxic weed, so people need to be careful there, especially with animals.

Castor: I'll pass that along to Mark who will pass that along to Sierra.

Castor: Anything else?

Montross: There is furniture along Prescott, the abandoned cars are gone, but still furniture there.

Castor: I'll swing by and look.

Montross: Going back to the curb and signage, usually Nathan repaints the curb yellow, but he hasn't done it this year, and we were talking about, what if we painted the other side of the street curb yellow too?

Castor: As we explore the idea of putting in No Parking signs there is no reason we can't do curb striping. I just don't know if it is particularly effective.

Montross: They yellow line doesn't do a whole lot, but Nathan hoped maybe it would make people think or slow down.

Castor: I agree with you, there are a lot of cars parked there and a lot of people driving too fast there. We'll take a serious look at it and give it some consideration for all of Maywood Place. The signs would help us be able to tow people out of there.

Montross: Right there on that curb, there is a tree with a large overhang, so people park there for shade. Maybe we can trim the tree back a bit?

Castor: Unless it's a public safety hazard, we wouldn't cut it back. Chris, do you have anything?

Chris Williams: I emailed Marilyn at Cascade Locks to pick her brain and it opened a can of worms. I want to make sure we have a good understanding of what we need to do, so I'm waiting to hear back from her.

Mike: What is social media policy?

Williams: It's the city's policy on how to use social media, and how we interact with citizens.

Castor: Some of those interactions can be subject to public meeting records laws, especially if council members are involved. Chris is trying to find those landmines and create a policy for that.

Williams: The aim is to go to where the residents are, and if a lot of people are on Facebook and we can use it for announcements or news to reach out to residents, but limiting comments or funneling them to the city email address. It's not about chatting about policy, more just informative.

Castor: It's to help steer all of us to the appropriate way to communicate with the city.

Bonnie was wanting to broadcast info and make sure everyone knows, but she was having to use her own account and we want to simplify the process.

Anything else?

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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