

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK
18 MARCH 2019 7:00-8:00 PM

- COUNCIL MEETING -

In Attendance: Mayor Matthew Castor, Councilor Jim Akers, Councilor Michelle Montross, Councilor Chris Williams.

Absent: Council President Art Winslow

Staff Present: City Recorder – Bonnie Davey; City Treasurer – Wendy Irwin;
Transcriptionist – Lisa Higgins

Residents present: Nathan Montross, Jeff and Mary Jo Steffen, Faye and Mike Reynolds

The City Council Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

Approval of the March 04, 2019 City Council minutes and Work Session Minutes. Approved as presented.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Kaiser: This month we had 2 premise checks, 6 vacation checks, no traffic accidents, and 8 traffic stops in the area. Three subject stops, 2 were across the bridge in the park. Two suspicious vehicles, if you are able to get a plate number safely, please do so we can run it before we arrive. One burglary, I'm not sure what happened with that one.

Castor: We've been talking about the multi-use path down to the transit station and residents have felt uncomfortable going down that recently. We're trying to figure out what our best options are for mitigating that situation, it's a hazard for our residents but also cyclists that go through there.

Kaiser: I do go down there and honk a bit and try to rouse people. I've seen needles there, so people do have a reason to be concerned walking down there, I've picked some up with the pliers and put them in the sharps container.

Mike Reynolds: Who can we call to move them along?

Kaiser: I'd say the County Commissioner.

Williams: I had an issue yesterday with people stealing BioBags, one had a trailer on his bike, one on a bmx and they were going South on 99th Street. I asked them what they were doing and it quickly turned into a situation where I called 911 and had them come out and they were looking for them. They went straight to the bike path and about 11:30 that night they came back and oh, I left out a part, that my brother pulled 3 of the bags off their trailer. That pissed them off.

Akers: They had taken all of them. There is no value in those BioBags.

Kaiser: What is a BioBag?

Castor: Mesh bags full of bark chips, to filter things out of rainwater.

Akers: All the ones on the west side of Maywood Place are gone, and they stole a rubber speedbump.

Williams: They are coming to Maywood and stealing our stuff, it's at the point where it's like, what's next?

Kaiser: You'll find I'm not politically correct, they are like cockroaches, they just keep coming back and back and back. I was homeless when I was younger, I know what it's like to be homeless, my mom just didn't tell us we were homeless. Portland is becoming the hub in the nation for homeless to come and get stuff for free, we've created our own monster.

Akers: Should I create a police report? They've now taken, like, our speedbumps. Plus, all the BioBags on the multi-use path.

Kaiser: When I get back tomorrow, I'll write up a report on it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Castor: Let's move on to the Treasurer's Report.

Irwin: Treasurer's Report for February with a cash balance of \$441,528.58 has been distributed. One of the major expenses during the month was in the general fund, for the 6 months Police and patrol protection by the County, for \$17,000. Twice a year we pay that.

Castor: Have you seen a revised invoice from River City?

Irwin: No, but we did get a past due invoice for the first 3 invoices. But they were the same as the original invoices. They're just sitting in the unpaid folder.

Castor: I'll talk to them, see if we can get the corrected invoice.

Irwin: After the cash balances are the reports for budget versus actual for the 7 months ending February 2019. Any questions on those pages? (No.) On Page 3 of 7 we budgeted \$30,000 for the speed bumps, should I roll those over to the next budget, or will we get those done soon?

Castor: We won't do those until spring when the weather clears up. Did we have the county do those last time?

Akers: Yes.

Castor: Jim and I are working on a new IGA with Multnomah County, to get some clarity because they have eliminated some of the services they provide. The way we got services with them before was through the MORE IGA, but apparently it has expired for all of those municipalities, so we are working on getting clarity on services they are providing so we can get a new IGA drafted.

Irwin: So, maybe we can roll those over to the next cycle, like July or August seems more realistic?

Castor: Yes.

Irwin: The other pages are just details of the ins and outs from the accounts.

Castor: Can I get a motion to approve the report?

Treasurer's Report for February 2019 with an ending cash balance of \$441,528.58 was approved unanimously as presented.

RESOLUTION 267

Castor: Resolution 267, Amended Recorder Position. For those of you that don't know, Bonnie is leaving us to pursue her career and finish her degree. She'll be staying on through the summer to help us find and train a replacement.

Resolution 267 Amended Recorder Position was approved unanimously as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Castor: I had exchanged a couple messages with Lt. Lazure about the multi-use path and I think I'm going to sit down more with he and Deputy Kaiser and see what options we have. In terms of PBOT and 102nd we're just waiting on Portland, correct?

Williams: Yeah, we're just waiting on them. Moving forward on that looks good.

Castor: Chris and I had been working with PBOT on the IGA and they had committed to a fixed 5% of their budget that would be allocated to mitigate issues in Maywood Park. We went back to them and said 5% isn't enough, so we asked for access to the other 15% if our mitigation needs exceed 5%. We will have them do more data collection prior to the project, so we have a good data set beforehand.

N. Montross: Did you find out anything about the trees or fence?

Williams: Yes, according to clay they won't be touched. The sidewalk is moving out into the street.

Castor: The wastewater facilities plan has gone to DEQ and has been reviewed and has come back to PAC Engineering. They are making updates based on those notes before they present it to the council. It didn't sound like red flags, just some things DEQ would like to see. In terms of franchises, I met with Century Link and found out why we haven't gotten a signed copy back yet. Apparently, Century Link purchased a fiber optic company at some point and the company was much larger than Century Link and they have been going through some growing pains with the administrative process. Now there are new people in the company who want to make changes to the franchise agreement, so Samantha told them no and hopefully in the next month we'll see the copy come back.

Irwin: They just submitted a franchise fee.

Castor: Yes, they will continue to submit payments under the terms of the expired agreement until a new one is signed. In terms of Comcast, that one is tabled until the council can review it. In terms of zoning, everyone saw the updates from Ben today, the commercial zoning drafts, in the next week or so please review the notes and send him feedback. Once we have all looked at it, he would like to have another work session to talk through any further details. I know Art has continued to try to reach out to tri-met about the multi-use path, and I don't think he's had a response. Jim?

PUBLIC WORKS

Akers: The Shaver and Maywood Place catch basins, I met with the project manager and ODOT engineer that has been working on the path stuff. They took a look at it and according to them they haven't done anything that would have any effect on a catch basin. They think the basin is just clogged.

Castor: I don't think that's the case. Let's you and I go out and look at it during the next rainfall.

Akers: The engineer pointed out that the drain isn't going north, that it's going to the catch basin on Maywood Place and that it's plugged and needs to be cleaned out.

Castor: Well, let's find out who does that and get someone out to clean it.

Akers: I'm waiting until we find out where we are with the county to deal with the tree roots at Skidmore and 96th. I also looked at the North side at Prescott, and it looks like sometime there was an accident there and we just need to straighten out the fence. Under public safety, someone walked off with our BioBags, I think we spent like \$500 on them. It's not worth replacing them until next year since we are going into the dry season. I am working with Multnomah County to figure out the IGA for providing environmental services. I have gotten quotes from other companies...

Castor: Let's reach out to James and set up a call together so we can sort that out with them. Michelle, any updates on community affairs, park watch?

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

M. Montross: I do still want to talk to the deputy about see if he'll so a recap next month and let people know we are going to be doing Park Watch. As the weather gets nicer, the homeless bike traffic will increase, and have them increase in presence during the summer.

Castor: With the cuts that the Sheriff is making across the board, I do need to sit down with Sheriff Lazure and discuss what's most important, like the park watch meetings, or community events.

M. Montross: I'd like to be part of that is possible.

Castor: Okay. And there is a Small Cities meeting coming up?

M. Montross: So far there are 5 people attending, but we are expecting more.

Akers: The deputy had mentioned they are having budget cuts. Is this the time as we get close to our budget cycle to look at...

Castor: It's a separate matter. Right now we rely on Deputy Kaiser to provide our support, but when he is doing those things it is time that goes against their budget. When he's here is isn't just patrolling his streets on a shift. While he's here I know he'll go through and patrol. But what they'd rather do is schedule a patrol around our meeting so a deputy can come in to the meeting while he's in the area. Chris, any updates?

PBOT, I.T. AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Williams: We mentioned your hedges, and I asked Clay about the Safe Paths for schools, and she said they don't have the budget for it and since it's one lane, it she reiterated that it doesn't need that lighted crossing. I also got the website upgrades done, I just need to do the migration, I'll do that on a weekend. Content navigation will be different and it will be easier to build on in the future.

I also had talked to PBOT about re-doing the traffic counts. The best estimation I could get was they will deploy in the next 2-3 months. In terms of the Christmas lights on the bump-out tree, it's an ongoing process trying to get someone from Rich's tree service to come out. I'm going to email them and express our expectations. Because of our relationship with them and they are donating things, I haven't been pushing too hard.

Castor: Do we want to talk about the reconciliation check?

Davey: February's reconciliation check is done.

BUDGET

Irwin: Next council meeting will be presenting the first round of the budget through the budget committee so we need to appoint the budget committee members tonight. If council members have items they'd like included in the budget, please email me this week. The budget committee meeting happens April 8th. The final budget gets approved June 3rd. So, you can change it

between then but it can't increase more than 10%. The members of the Budget Committee are Doug Irwin, Brian Davey, Nathan Montross, and I need to contact Dana. Bob Burrow also volunteered. The committee consists of the 5 council members and the 5 citizens. The council members also attend and I will serve as the budget chair. I will just need to work with you on the Mayor's budget message.

Castor: Okay.

Irwin: Public notice of the meeting will go out in the spring newsletter. Bonnie will you be able to post notice of the Budget Committee Meeting April 18th on the website by Friday? (Yes.) I'm still working on the Capital Asset listing. And Chris and I will work on the IT policy.

M. Montross: Can I ask you to see the budget for 4th of July last year?

Irwin: We have one budget line item called PR, that includes all city events for the year. If you look on the treasurer's report, on page 3 or 7, line item 1-7,8. So last year we had \$15,000, that includes the 4th, and national night out and other events, so that would be a good ballpark.

Montross: That would be helpful, a lot of the prices are going up. The year before the port-a-potty rentals went up \$300.

Castor: When you're sending that over it would be good if we could look at the street dance and 4th of July in particular, and the invoices we paid – rentals and sanitation.

Montross: I think Thrill Ride charged us \$800 last year, and I was thinking that maybe we could have the street dance on 4th of July. I just don't want to move National Night Out from the 2nd of August.

Castor: We can talk about that.

Irwin: That sounds great.

SMART METERS

Castor: I know with the smart meter conversation that happened prior, there were some concerns that people had about the opt-out fee. I got an email from Diana Knauss that they have been approved by the Public Utility Commission for a different opt-out fee, it's a quarterly reading plan, \$36 per quarter, so just \$9 per month. I know that was a concern for folks.

Mike Reynolds: There seems to be an increase in people leaving "FREE" items out on the curb. IS that something the council would want to pay attention to? Like couches, bikes, storage bins.

Faye Reynolds: This last weekend our neighbor had a garage sale and then just left everything on the parking strip.

Mike Reynolds: Then we saw a couch down on Shaver.

Faye Reynolds: You're just asking homeless to come in and start hauling stuff away and it's going to end up on the berm. You know.

Castor: That may be something we can address under the nuisance ordinance.

Faye Reynolds: I get that during the neighborhood garage sale people put their free stuff out for a day, but other times it's just weeks and weeks, especially on Maywood place because that is the freeway for the homeless people.

Castor: If things are sitting there for more than half a day, it becomes trash. I'll look at the nuisance ordinance and see, but the downside may be that we will have to go through the proper channels and go through the County Vector Enforcement.

Castor: Any other new business?

Davey: Ben would like another work session to finalize the commercial zoning ordinance. I'd like to propose the April 22 meeting night for that.

Castor: That's great.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.