

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

- COUNCIL MEETING -

In Attendance: Mayor Matthew Castor, Council President Art Winslow, Councilor Jim Akers, Councilor Michelle Montross, Councilor Chris Williams
Absent: None
Staff Present: City Recorder Rene' Sanders, City Treasurer Wendy Irwin
Residents present: Kim Hutchinson, Mike Reynolds, Linda Hardin, Roy Englund, Miriam Berman, Jeff & Mary Jo Steffen, Ben Harrison

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Castor asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the September 16th Council meeting. There were none. Mayor Castor called for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Akers made the motion; which was seconded by Councilor Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Winslow voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Montross voted aye, Councilor Williams voted aye.

TREASURER REPORT

City Treasurer Irwin presented the September 2019 Treasurer's Report for the Council. Total cash assets for September are \$411,121.83, for a decrease of \$6,698.92. CDs for the Storm Drain Fund and Failing St Fund were renewed on October 3rd. Mayor Castor asked if they were renewed for the same term. Ms. Irwin reported that yes, for another 12-month term, with a little higher interest rate of 2.15%.

The Budget v. Actual Report is included on pages 2,3, and 4 of the Treasurer's Report. The year to date actuals numbers are for the months of July, August, and September and the budget numbers are for the full year. Ms. Irwin reported that there were no unusual expenses and then asked if there were any questions. The Change in Cash for the Month Report is on the last two pages showing the change in cash for the month, which include the deposits received less checks written. Councilor Montross asked if the bill for \$675 was payment for City mole abatement. Ms. Irwin confirmed. Ms. Irwin also noted that expenses for the month included the summer water bill in the amount of \$4,525.54 out of the Street Fund. Mayor Castor asked if there were any more questions. Councilor Winslow asked if the payment to Mt. Hood Community College was a monthly payment. Ms. Irwin responded yes, we pay \$400.per month for the office and classroom for council meetings; plus, a small amount that is billed for copies.

Mayor Castor called for a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report as submitted with a final cash balance of \$411,121.83. Councilor Akers made the motion; which was seconded by Councilor Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Winslow voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Montross voted aye, Councilor Williams voted aye. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

Mayor Castor addressed Council President Winslow regarding the public comment time for Ordinance 9G. Council President Winslow reported that he met with Mr. Ben Harrison about it last Monday. He wanted to make sure that we had the time period covered for the public response. There were a couple of questions received that he wanted to settle. Mayor Castor asked if he thought Mr. Harrison could come to the next meeting. Council President Winslow will contact him to see.

MULTIUSE PATH

Mayor Castor mentioned that with Council President Winslow coordinating the safety meeting, this item should be on his task list. Recorder Sanders will make the change. Mayor Castor also reported that with the 9th Circuit Court Ruling regarding homeless campers, we're starting to get a little push-back from law enforcement enforcing No Camping Ordinances. The Sheriff's Department officers are still coming out to talk with the people and are having some success getting them to move on without citing them. Council President Winslow reported that the expectation is that the decision will go to the Supreme Court.

WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Mayor Castor asked City Recorder Sanders about the septic system installation survey responses. Recorder Sanders reported that six results had been received. Mayor Castor asked for the results to be sent to him.

A resident asked if any consideration had been given to what happens if the Supreme Court upholds the ruling regarding campers. Mayor Castor reported that there may be terms for the sizes of cities affected. Right now, any ordinance against camping cannot be upheld if the city doesn't have a place to move them to.

Mayor Castor also reported on some overflowing trash bins that hadn't been picked up. The one by the fountain is overflowing. Councilor Montross reported that there appeared to be household trash in one of the bins. Mayor Castor spoke with Heiberg; and they will pick up the trash from the full bins today or tomorrow.

Mayor Castor then addressed the changing of the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph with Councilor Akers. Mayor Castor reported that currently, only the city of Portland may reduce the neighborhood speed limits. Senate bill 558 will allow other municipalities in Oregon to reduce their speed limits; but it doesn't take effect until 01/01/2020. Mayor Castor is waiting for a reply from the county to see if we have to wait until January to pass an ordinance to that effect.

ZONING

Mr. Ben Harrison had arrived during the meeting; so, Mayor Castor recognized him regarding ordinance 9G. Mr. Harrison reported that the Department of Conservation sought clarification if someone came forward with an allowed use. They wondered if we can still provide conditions. If so, they want to see our process of such conditioning. This is the only thing that he's heard in the way of comment. He noted that the comment period is now concluded. Next, we need to assemble a record of the public comments; revise the ordinance as needed based on the comments; have the council vote to adopt Ordinance 9G; and then we fill out some paperwork to let the state know. Mr. Harrison stated he will compile the comments and forward them to City Recorder Sanders.

Council President Winslow mentioned that he mis-spoke about the comments that he thought Mr. Harrison had received. He apologized for the error and wanted to correct it for the record.

MULTIUSE PATH SAFETY

Mayor Castor asked Council President Winslow if he had anything else to report. Council President Winslow replied that he did. He set up the safety meeting for 8:00 pm after the Council meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019.

SPEED BUMPS

Mayor Castor then recognized Councilor Akers. Councilor Akers reported that he, with assistance from Resident Reynolds took a Google map with existing speed bumps marked on it to Maywood Place and Failing Street to mark proposed speed bumps that would line up with the existing speed bumps on other streets. He is currently looking for people to bid; and checking to see if the county is still in the business of constructing speed bumps. Mayor Castor reported that they have a bid from Kittleson Engineering to redesign the Skidmore diverter and the cul-de-sac. The bid was \$16,000.00, which is a little much for our budget. Mayor Castor also reported that Jorge is an engineer; and will provide the design service as a donation to the City. Mayor Castor stated that if he puts together construction drawings that we should give him a stipend for that.

A resident asked about the location of the new speed bumps. Mayor Castor explained that we had budgeted for speed bumps on Failing; and that there was a petition regarding Maywood Place. He reported that we would be selective about speed bumps on Maywood Place; and are considering one at the south end closer to NE 102nd Ave. He continued, stating that the rubber speed bump on Maywood Place near Skidmore Street was under consideration for replacement by a permanent bump. Resident Reynolds mentioned that there may be difficulty with the one at the south end due to fire truck access. It may be a little too close; they do have stipulations.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Castor reported that things have changed at the City of Troutdale regarding permitting. Troutdale has lost personnel, and as a result, Gresham has been doing their permitting. Out of consideration for us, Troutdale has had Gresham do our permitting as well. Troutdale said that they can't do permitting anymore due to the costs involved. On the positive side, our current IGA is directly with the City of Troutdale. They don't have an easy out. They have a 180-day period after giving us written notice in which they must continue to provide service. We may have to contract with the city of Portland for permitting. Councilor Montross asked when the IGAs expire. Mayor Castor reported that each IGA is unique; but this one expires in 2020.

Mayor Castor returned the floor to Councilor Akers. Councilor Akers reported that we have some signs that need to be replaced. He would like to move forward and get the signage replaced. Mayor Castor affirmed that we had budgeted for it; and that he should go ahead and have any damaged signs replaced.

Councilor Akers also addressed the intersection issue at 99th and Failing. He reported that there is a rubber stop sign on the ground at the "Y"; but there has never been a stop sign in front of the Cobb house or the Commons. Down at 99th and Shaver there is a white stop line in front of the Trautman's house, but no stop sign. Mayor Castor asked if it was 99th and Failing in question or Mason and 96th. Councilor Akers replied that both of these intersections need signage. There may have been a stop sign in front of the Abney's or in front of the natural speed bump. Mayor Castor mentioned a location in front of the Peterson's house. Mayor Castor approved the addition of stop signs in the problem areas.

Councilor Akers reported that he contacted environmental services regarding the catch basins and dry wells. He asked them not to come on garbage days. Mayor Castor asked if Councilor Akers was getting bids for the work. Councilor Akers reported that he was. Mayor Castor did not remember seeing the numbers for the catch basins,

and asked Councilor Akers to double check it. Treasurer Irwin thought she remembered seeing it; but agreed it should be double checked.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Councilor Montross reported that she has two more bids for the Commons lighting. She mentioned that there is a new in box light such as in the Multi-Use Path in the storage container; and that she would like to see that used. Mayor Castor thought we should keep that on reserve in case one of the existing lights gets damaged.

Councilor Montross then reported on the landscaping. She reported that bids are open until 5:00 pm on October 11th. She will try to get all of the bids to council members for a vote. Councilor Montross reported that she never responded to Sierra's 30-day letter. Their 30 days ended on October 8th. She also reported that she had received an email from Jorge; and will get their information so that she can give them the bid specs. Councilor Montross mentioned that she technically has four bids, one is verbal, but she is not requesting a written bid, because their price started at \$159,000.00 and could be up to \$200,000.00.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilor Montross then asked if Mayor Castor would reach out to Multnomah County Sherriff's Department for additional patrols for Halloween night.

Councilor Montross mentioned that the Chili Cookoff is approached; and asked everyone to please enter or come and taste.

PARK WATCH

Councilor Montross reported that residents had noticed an encampment on Fremont Street across NE 102nd Ave. Nothing was being done, so she asked Mayor Castor to reach out to the HOPE team, which he did. By that afternoon, the camp was gone. She thanked Mayor Castor for his efforts.

NE 102nd AVE TRAFFIC PATTERN

Councilor Williams reported on the traffic pattern for 102nd. PBOT is confirmed to present their findings from the survey at the November 4th Council meeting. He encouraged everyone to complete the PBOT online survey, and to come to the meeting to provide feedback. Mayor Castor mentioned that he had reached out to Annette Stanhope of the Parkrose Neighborhood Association. She replied that she will promote both the PBOT online survey and our meeting.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Councilor Williams reported that the codification is ongoing and will be for quite a while. Mayor Castor asked if he had any sense of when we might see a draft. Councilor Williams responded no; it's probably at least a couple of months out.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Castor asked if there was any new business. Resident Reynolds asked if we can move on getting some shrubs trimmed or maintained. Can we get an independent company to do it without waiting for a new contract? Mayor Castor said yes, if we get a good bid and a contractor that will do it, let's get it done. Resident Reynolds reported that there are some extremely dark areas along the path and near Campaign Street. Mayor Castor mentioned that there are also trees limbs blocking street lights. Resident Reynolds said that there's a bid for \$1600.00 to clean up the entire path. Mayor Castor said that he saw this as a one-time project. Mayor Castor asked if they would also move the boulders. Resident Reynolds said that he has another person in mind for the boulders that he happened to meet. Resident Reynolds is concerned more about the safety issues with it getting dark earlier.

Councilor Montross will call regarding the tree removal. Councilor Akers asked about reaching out to PP&L about tree limbs that have grown into the wires over the street lights. Resident Reynolds said that the contractor that will be doing the path clean-up is a tree guy. Mayor Castor said let's let the contractor do it.

City Recorder Sanders reported on the woman who was assaulted on bike path some weeks ago. She is out and about, but still has a lump on her head and has headaches.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mayor Castor asked if anyone had anything else to say. There was nothing else.

Mayor Castor requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilor Akers, and seconded by Council Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Winslow voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Montross voted aye, Councilor Williams voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

