

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK
02 DECEMBER 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:

Staff Present: City Recorder Rene' Sanders, City Treasurer Wendy Irwin

Residents present: Kim Hutchinson, Nathan Montross, Mike Reynolds, Breylan Deal-Eriksen, Ron Dickson, Robert Burrow, Miriam Berman, Dan Chavez, Jeff & Mary Jo Steffen

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

PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Castor asked the council to review the minutes from the November 18th Council meeting. Mayor Castor then asked the council if they have any questions about the minutes. 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

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

None

WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Nothing new

ORDINANCES

Art reported nothing new in zoning. He reported that the City charter on the website not signed on the online copy. Art requested a copy of the City Charter and the Comprehensive Plan from City Recorder Sanders. He is looking at these things to ensure they are up to date. Mayor Castor said that based on the city size, we don't have to address every 10 years; but they do need updating.

SIGN REPLACEMENT

Councilor Akers reported that all the signs needing repairs have been done. The sheriff's office will pay for a new sign and post for their parking sign on Campaign Street by the college. Councilor Akers reported that he asked for information on paying the bill so that it gets paid on time. There were no speed limit sign changes. He also contacted Tony Suffich to change the light bulb on the multi-use path; but hasn't heard back. Resident Reynolds said that an ODOT truck with a boom was there by the Christmas tree. Councilor Akers said that City of Gresham will actually be the responsible party for the light. We are waiting to hear back from Luvitt on the catch basins and dry wells maintenance. They don't do streeting; however. Councilor Akers is waiting to hear back from NRC. He's also waiting to hear back from Rose City for speed bumps.

Mayor Castor brought up speed signage. Portland passed a law to have the speed reduced to 20 mph; and some residents expressed interest in doing the same. He has received some additional public input, and as a result, we may need additional time regarding any change in speed limit. It is important due to the cost involved and public input. Online and mailed survey may be worthwhile, followed by a public debate.

Councilor Williams asked about the cost to change the limit speed signs. Councilor Akers reported that he needs to check cost. Councilor Akers requested that this item be put on his to do list. Mayor Castor pointed out that if the speed limit is changed, we will need not only new signs but notification signs of 20 mph speed limit law. Councilor Montross expressed that when the new speed bumps are installed, it may reduce speed enough. Councilor President Winslow doesn't mind holding off on a decision. The tone of some of the correspondence on the topic put him off. Councilor Akers commented that PBOT has already installed 20 mph speed on Halsey. Mayor Castor asked that the task, draft survey for speed zone change, be placed on his to do list.

VALLEY VIEW LANDWORKS

Councilor Montross reported that she's already received positive feedback on the way the common areas are looking with the new landscape company. She will mention to them that people are starting to decorate the traffic divertors so that they will know to be careful of the ornaments. They are currently using more crews to get the work caught up.

NRC

Councilor Montross reported on NRC. Councilor Williams had asked about the 9.5% surcharge. Councilor Montross reported that it covers taxes, mileage, and incidentals. Councilor Montross requested an hourly rate. The contact at NRC was going to talk to her boss and get back to her. Councilor Montross hasn't heard back from her, even after following up with a phone call and email. She will continue to follow up.

COMMONS LIGHTING

Councilor Montross reported that the new light for Maywood Commons was \$395.00 labor \$400.00; and the total was \$1540.00. Councilor Montross reported that we can reuse the light; but we can't use pole at the end of Campaign Street because it's a Pacific Power pole. For Maywood Commons, the proposal is to replace the light; but not do the trenching to a new location at this time. Mayor Castor expressed concern that we had tried other solutions in the past; and this was the next step. Councilor Montross said that new outlets that lock for safety purposes will be installed in addition to the new light.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Christmas tree lighting will be on Friday at 7:00pm. The City office Open House is Monday, Dec 9th from 2-4 pm.

CODIFICATION

Councilor Williams reported that the codification is moving along. All will be digitized. He got the new Ordinance 9G up on the web; and off to the company. Councilor Williams reported that there is a bit of additional cost, but it's still within budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Castor mentioned a recent sale on Campaign St. The new owners were doing some work, but CCD, DEQ, and the City of Troutdale all had to come out. The contractor has been cited. He was doing work requiring lead and asbestos abatement without following protocols; he was doing work requiring permits and didn't have the permits.

Resident Steffen asked if he was required to get the proper license? Mayor Castor reported that yes, CCD requires him to get licensed or hire a contractor to do the work. He continued, saying that they were ripping off siding, doing a significant interior remodel, and replacing the septic system.

Councilor Montross reported that she has seen other city offices around the Portland area. They have pictures of their mayor and city council. She thought people might like to see who is running the city.

Resident Mike asked about the round-about near him. Mayor Castor reported that he hasn't heard from Jorge. Resident Reynolds reported that the fence is cut again near the campsite. The chain on the gate has been cut as well. Mayor Castor replied that he will call ODOT.

Council President Winslow inquired about the Commons. Was a play structure for children mentioned in the original plan? Mayor Castor reported that everyone settled on a natural play structure. Councilor Montross reported that the insurance company discouraged adding a play structure. Resident Steffen said that the cost would be \$100,000.00. Council President Winslow mentioned that the fence on east side only goes so far. He wondered why it doesn't it go to the street. Mayor Castor replied that it was never there. The only fence the city installed was the split rail at the front. Councilor Montross asked for an estimate on some more split rail fence. She said that it would probably around February before they could get the estimate. Mayor Castor asked why we need more fencing. Councilor Montross replied that it's a safety issue. There's a drop-off of 30 odd inches with no indication that it's there.

Resident Dixon reported that the 4-plex has built another set of stairs. There was no permit for the work. They tore out and rebuilt the stairs; but it's not to code. They're not compliant. Resident Dixon continued, saying that the stop sign at 99th needs to be a sign rather than the rubber stop in the road. People are not stopping, they are speeding. Mayor Castor asked Councilor Akers to get a cost for it.

Councilor Williams noted that pacific power is going around to trim trees on the power lines.

Resident Nathan Montross asked what happened to the yellow striping that we were going to do for No Parking at the south end of Maywood Place. Mayor Castor asked, didn't we pass that? The Council said yes. Mayor Castor asked Councilor Akers to see that it gets done. Councilor Akers will call the guy to have him come in and do it.

Councilor Akers asked to go back to the striping. He verified that it consisted of the top of Maywood Place, the Fire Lane at north end, and down at the Bump-out. Councilor Akers pointed out that it never came to a vote of the council. Mayor Castor said that it didn't need a vote because there was consensus; and we had budgeted for it.

Resident Chavez complimented the Council on a nice job hosting PBOT. He appreciated it.

Resident Dixon mentioned the corner house on Shaver with all the cars. He observed that most of the cars have flat tires, even though they have valid plates. Mayor Castor will talk to the County to get them cited for it. Resident Dixon said that at the same house the crosswalk adjacent to the property has shrubs that have overgrown the sidewalk.

Mayor Castor noted that the temporary signs in the crosswalks aren't very effective when they're down. He will let PBOT know.

Resident Burrow didn't think that a 20-mph speed zone would help. Mayor Castor reported that when enforcement has been effective for us is when we have cut-through traffic and we call out the Sheriff for a special action.

Resident Burrows also said that he is a firm believer that we need to remember our heritage. He was not sure the City of Maywood Park has done a good job of maintaining our history. He wanted to name the Commons Mayors' Park and have a plaque with all the names of the mayors. Mayor Castor replied that we do have a plaque along the wall at the multi-use path with the names of the mayors. It was done on the 50th anniversary.

Resident Dixon said that Linda has posted online about a guy going through Maywood Park that was high as a kite. She called the sheriff; but the guy wasn't caught.

Mayor Castor asked if there was anything else. There was not.

Mayor Castor requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilor Akers, and 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.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.