

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK  
18 MAY, 2020 7:00-8:00 PM

- COUNCIL MEETING -

In Attendance: Mayor Matthew Castor, Councilor Jim Akers, Councilor Chris Williams  
Absent: Council President Art Winslow, Councilor Michelle Montross,  
Staff Present: City Recorder Rene' Sanders, City Treasurer Wendy Irwin  
Residents present: Anonymous, Galaxy Note9, Linda Hardin, Miriam Berman

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

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Castor asked the council to review the minutes from the May 04 Council meeting. Mayor Castor then asked the council if they had any questions about the minutes. There were none. Mayor Castor called for a motion to approve the May 04 Council minutes. Councilor Akers made the motion, which was seconded by Councilor Williams. Mayor Castor voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Williams voted aye.

**SURVEYS**

Mayor Castor asked City Recorder Sanders if we have received any hardcopy survey responses. Ms. Sanders reported that we had received some and that we are still getting online responses daily. Mayor Castor asked Ms. Sanders to leave the survey open until the end of the week, then close it. Ms. Sanders will do so.

**SPEED BUMPS**

Mayor Castor asked Councilor Akers if he had heard anything from Councilor Montross regarding bids for fixing the speed bumps on Mason Street. Councilor Akers reported that the bill for the speed bumps got to the office.

**RAPID RESPONSE**

Mayor Castor asked Treasurer Irwin about Councilor Montross meeting up with the Rapid Response Team and getting a bid for cleanup work. Ms. Irwin reported that it had cost \$400. We had the money available from the street and divertors maintenance line item. She has already received the bill, so assumes everything was done. Mayor Castor noted that this item is now complete, and to remove it from his checklist.

**WASTEWATER**

Mayor Castor reported that he wanted Council President Winslow and Councilor Montross to participate in the Work Session meeting tonight. He will get initial information from Councilors Akers and Williams, but that we probably will need a follow-up work session with everyone present.

Mayor Castor asked Councilor Akers if Council President Winslow had communicated with him regarding any of his updates. Councilor Akers reported that he had not. Mayor Castor recognized Councilor Akers for his reports.

## **MULTNOMAH COUNTY/SIGNAGE**

Councilor Aker reported that he and Councilor Montross had been trying to contact the County regarding signage, but they had not responded back. He will try to be more persistent. He will move one of the three signs on Campaign Street temporarily to 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the existing post. Mayor Castor reinforced that this will still maintain “Parking by Permit Only” on Campaign, and that this is a temporary measure until we get the new signs.

It sounds like Rapid Response will be a good solution, but we might want to look at what that might entail regarding cost over the course of a year. Ms. Irwin reported that we have \$5,000 in the 20/21 budget to cover it. That should be enough.

Mayor Castor asked Treasurer Irwin if there were any updates on revenue forecasts from the State. Ms. Irwin reported that there were not. State authorities were asking cities and districts to provide information on anything we feel may be a problem regarding cash flow, but didn't hear anything back from them to date. Mayor Castor reported on a conference call with the East County Mayors regarding federal money. East County cities don't have a direct path to that money. The State and County received a portion and the City of Portland also received a portion. Portland received more money than the County did. Cities may approach the State for reimbursement of PPE and emergency expenditures. Multnomah County received about a fifth of what Portland did. The East County Mayors, along with Ted Wheeler, Kate Brown and the Speaker are trying to establish the path to the funds for East County cities.

Councilor Akers had a question regarding our City funding. He wondered if we depend on gas and road taxes. The only other revenue would be alcohol tax. Mayor Castor reported that we are funded by property taxes, gas, marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco taxes, but we need to wait and see what the impact on funding will be. Mayor Castor asked Treasurer Irwin for input. Treasurer Irwin reported that in our general fund, we are only receiving about \$26,000 from state tax revenue. This does not pose much of a risk in the general fund, but our street tax fund estimates of \$59,000 come from ODOT tax. That's probably where we'll feel it the most. Mayor Castor said that we want to make sure that we do not have to go to the county or state for additional funding.

Councilor Akers mentioned that he reached out to neighbors around the Commons, including some with cameras that pick up activity there. He did this to follow up on comments that were made about things happening in the Commons at night. None of these residents are aware of those type of activities happening.

Mayor Castor reported that the Sheriff statistics indicated that calls are up about 15 from the prior month. Most of these were extra patrols that we had requested and others were related to abandoned or transient vehicles.

## **LAPTOPS & PBOT**

Mayor Castor reported that the council members have received City Chromebooks. Councilor Williams reported that since all of the council members should have their Chromebooks now this item could be taken off his task list.

Councilor Williams reported that Leor from PBOT got back to him on the design at Fremont and 102<sup>nd</sup>. There are changes to bicycle traffic flow. The SE corner will be rebuilt, with a bicycle ramp built in and markings on the sidewalk. Mayor Castor asked when they would have finalized engineering drawings. Councilor Williams reported that everything is delayed due to the pandemic. Construction will not be delayed too much, but the second part where they'll be putting more markings on is not a high priority, so it may be further delayed.

## **CITY RECORDER**

City Recorder Sanders reminded everyone that the Killer Burger food cart was going to be on Failing Street tomorrow night. There has been a lot of conversation on Friends of Maywood Park Facebook and Nextdoor, and people are excited about it. She also asked if the City would consider a way of recognizing our high school graduates. Mayor Castor suggested they talk about that offline.

## **BUDGET**

Treasurer Irwin reported no updates regarding the budget. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for the next Council meeting on June 1. TSCC completed their review, and had no recommendations, so we are good to proceed. There might be an adjustment on the actual adopted budget based on how much estimated beginning cash we listed at the Budget Committee Meeting versus now when we have more information. She will talk to Mayor Castor about that offline.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Castor opened the meeting to comment time. Councilor Williams explained the process of requesting to speak over Zoom. Galaxy Note9 was given the floor for comment. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Castor clarified that the Killer Burger food truck would be at the Commons at the intersection of 99<sup>th</sup> and Failing in response to a chat question.

Galaxy Note9 raised their hand again. This was resident Ron Dickson. He asked if we had talked about the street lighting and tree trimming that was mentioned at the last meeting and also about clearing the brush on the berm for a clean line of sight. He mentioned that there were also a lot of sticks on the berm that someone could be injured on. Mayor Castor reported that he will follow up with Michelle to see what the status is. There was no further public comment.

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.**