

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK  
01 JUNE, 2020 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: Bill, Bob Burrow, Galaxy Note9, George D, Kim, Linda Hardin, Miriam Berman, nimsk

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm.

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Castor asked the council to review the minutes from the May 18 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 18 Council 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.

**RESOLUTION 280A**

Mayor Castor asked City Recorder Sanders to present Resolution 280A, CIS Volunteer Resolution. Councilor Williams asked if this resolution is for covering our volunteers if anyone should get injured while helping with City events. Ms. Sanders affirmed that it is. Ms. Sanders asked if there were any other questions. There were none. She called for a motion to approved Resolution 280A, CIS Volunteer Resolution. 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.

**SURVEYS**

Mayor Castor asked Ms. Sanders if we had received anymore community survey responses. Ms. Sanders reported that she had closed the survey on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, and that we had received one more hardcopy response and several more online responses. Mayor Castor asked that the results be sent to the Council for review before we publish them on the website.

**WASTEWATER**

Mayor Castor reported nothing new regarding wastewater and reminded everyone that there was a work session on this topic following the meeting.

**INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM TRAINING**

Mayor Castor reported that he had received an email from a resident inquiring what we were doing to combat institutionalized racism and how we were working toward racial equality in our community. He reported that we

live in a good community where we don't see any acts of racism, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't actively work against racism. He has gathered some resources for the Council. He has reached out to our law enforcement to share what they are doing to train their team members and how they are trying to positively engage the community. Mayor Castor said that he was glad that a community member reached out and encouraged us to grow. He then asked if there were any comments? Council President Winslow reported that he first moved to the City in 1981. The neighbors were welcoming and he never had a problem other than one incident in 1983 when gunshots entered his home. Council President Winslow believes that we can accomplish these things by being who we are. He said that it doesn't hurt to learn something new and that it is a good thing to bring up and talk about openly and honestly. He told Mayor Castor that he appreciates what he said and that it means a lot.

### **TREE ORDINANCE**

Mayor Castor continued the meeting with Council President Winslow's report. Council President Winslow reported that there seems to be some confusion among residents about trimming trees near the street. We do have an ordinance that requires the trees to be trimmed.

### **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**

Council President Winslow reported that he met with Councilor Montross, and that they have a good idea of what is needed in the way of emergency supplies. Resident Mike Reynolds will supply a list of what we need. Resident Reynolds is working with Councilor Montross. They are coming up with an outline for the future. This project is in the works.

Councilor Williams asked Council President Winslow if he had trouble finding the tree ordinance on the new codified website link, or if he was looking in the old ordinances section. Councilor Williams was concerned that the Ordinance didn't make it into the new Code. Councilor Montross had given a hard copy to him. Councilor Akers had a copy in an old email that he forwarded to her. Councilor Williams asked if it was not on the website. Councilor Montross reported that she couldn't find it. Councilor Akers reported that it was in the original welcome packet given to new residents along with a list of utilities and important Ordinances that the City felt people should have.

### **MULTNOMAH COUNTY/SIGNAGE**

Mayor Castor asked Councilor Akers about the status of speed bumps and signage. Councilor Akers reported that Councilor Montross has the update information.

Councilor Montross reported that Councilor Akers picked up the permit parking signs and are in the process of being put up. Several signs are missing, so she ordered more to replace them. The sign fabricator will be in next week, and they will get us the signs ASAP. They didn't have the bracket to put signs up on Failing and Maywood Place, but will get that to us. Once things get back to normal, the County will put up stop signs at Failing Street and 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Councilor Montross continued with her updates. Residents tend to forget that we don't have an open checkbook and they don't understand why things aren't done right away. Regarding Valley View, Dan and Kyle came out to look at trimming around the fence on the berm, and she is in discussion with them. The budget funds are not available right now [this fiscal year.] However, Valley View will come out in mid-June and will do a 30-day invoice to be billed in July. They will address the ivy issue and what needs to be trimmed back. Some of the trimming falls to the residents, since it is on their property. Mayor Castor said that he appreciates the comments regarding the budget. People don't always realize that.

Councilor Montross reported on the Commons lighting. She spoke with the neighbors surrounding the Commons, and found that they don't have an issue with the current lighting. She met with Council President Winslow, and the lighting will be addressed in the master plan for the Commons that they are working on.

Councilor Montross also reported that there is a City of Maywood Park emergency book. She has it. They're working on a master plan, and want to update the emergency plan in the process.

Councilor Montross reported that we have had a lot of returned mail items of public notices sent to all residents. She checked the addresses and found that the letter carrier should be delivering them. She will talk to the letter carrier and the post office.

### **PBOT**

Councilor Williams reported no updates with regards to PBOT and the changes on NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave/NE Prescott Street.

### **BUDGET**

Treasurer Irwin reported no further comments or updates.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Castor reported that the Sheriff's Department mentioned they are noticing more and more parking violations, including people parking in the wrong direction on the street and derelict vehicles. They are going to start citing or warning people about these things. On one of his drives through the community, the sheriff's deputy stopped county at 50 offenses. Mayor Castor also did an informal drive through and found seven cars on Skidmore Street parked the wrong direction. They will begin tagging derelicts for towing with a 5-day notice.

A question was asked through chat from George D. "Where does the money from fines go?" Mayor Castor reported that since we don't have a municipal court, the money goes to the county. We explored having a court when Mayor Hardie was in office, but we need a place to hold it, and the college wouldn't work. In addition, the potential infractions versus the cost of setting up a municipal court indicated that it wasn't worthwhile.

Treasurer Irwin asked if the Sheriff's Department is going to enforce parking by permit only on Campaign between 99<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Castor reported that yes, they will. If anyone lives in an area where there are parking by permit only signs, and they need a parking permit sticker, please reach out to [office@cityofmaywoodpark.com](mailto:office@cityofmaywoodpark.com) and we can provide stickers.

George D. asked when the Sheriff's Department will begin to cite parking violations. Mayor Castor replied that we should all be obeying the law now, rather than wait until a date in the future.

Mayor Castor asked if there was any other new business. Resident Ron Dickson was recognized. He said that he has a friend that works in the grant department who said that there is a 50% increase in grant writing. He wondered where we are on our grant writing. Mayor Castor replied that Michelle mentioned we cannot spend money we don't have. We have budgeted for a grant writer in the 2020-2021 budget, but that money isn't available yet. Resident Dickson asked why we don't have a committee for volunteer work in the City. He helped a neighbor remove arbor vitae for free. Mayor Castor asked for clarification. Resident Dickson said that he was thinking of residents helping other residents. Mayor Castor replied that this wouldn't be a City function, but if he is willing to head up a committee to recruit volunteers for City functions, he may do so. Councilor Montross mentioned that is what Friends of Maywood Park (Facebook) is for. Resident Dickson said that he was surprised at how many young people we have with kids. We need to approach people and ask. Mayor Castor reported that Mr. Deal-Erickson had taken on the new resident welcoming from Mrs. Burrow. He suggested to Mr. Dickson that it may

be worth getting in touch with him, and start to drum up volunteers. Councilor Williams noted that the newsletter used to go out more frequently with babysitter and other listings. It was nice to have. Mayor Castor observed that certain things get more response than others. The Easter Egg Hunt got a good response, but the tree lighting and 4<sup>th</sup> of July not as much. We need to break down the barrier for new people and help them feel comfortable in volunteering in the community.

Mayor Castor asked if anyone else had comments.

Councilor Montross said that when Dan from Valley View was out, they asked if they could bring in a porta potty for the big cleanup. With the COVID measures in place, there is no access to public toilets. They will put it behind the dumpster, and it will be locked. Mayor Castor asked how long it will be there. Councilor Montross said that it's just for a couple of weeks while the big cleanup is underway. Mayor Castor approved.

Mayor Castor reached out to ODOT regarding bicycle speeds on the multi-use path. He received an email that bounced him from one person to another. They're seeing what they can do. Possibly add speed limit signs. They are aware of the issue and are trying to come up with solutions.

Councilor Montross reported that a light on lamppost #4 is out, so she contacted Gresham for replacement. Another light with the left turn arrow on it is also out, but it's an ODOT light. She will contact them to have it replaced.

Resident Miriam Berman submitted through chat that she would love to help on Ron's volunteer committee.

There were no further comments.

**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 8:11 pm.**