

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK
06 JULY 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: Mike, marcimarshall, nmsk, Breylan DE, Linda Hardin, Galaxy Note9, Ashely Brassea (she/her), Kim, MIRRIAM BERMAN

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Castor asked the council to review the minutes from the June 22, 2020, City Council meeting. Mayor Castor then asked the council if they had any changes or corrections regarding the minutes of the Council Meeting. There were none. Mayor Castor called for a motion to approve the June 22, 2020, City Council meeting 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 284 - MSCO Fee Increase

Mayor Castor asked City Recorder Sanders to go over the Resolution. Ms. Sanders explained that we received a contract amendment to the IGA to increase the fee for our services to \$39,895 per year with Multnomah County Sheriff's Department for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Mayor Castor's requested that Treasurer Irwin check to ensure that we had adequate funds budgeted to support the fee increase. We did. Councilor Williams asked about the fee increase. Mayor Castor asked Ms. Irwin for the numbers. Ms. Irwin reported that the fee for last year was \$38,695; resulting in an increase of \$1,200. Councilor Montross asked if the hours of service are increasing as well. Mayor Castor reported no, but that they are adding services. Mayor Castor asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Mayor Castor asked for motion to approve Resolution 284, MSCO Fee Increase. 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. The motion passed.

DIVERTORS AT MAYWOOD PL AND SKIDMORE

Mayor Castor asked Resident Mike Reynolds if he had anything to say regarding the divertors. There was no response. Councilor Montross said that they were working on it. Resident Reynolds then responded and reported that he got the name of the maintenance coordinator for the bike ways. Mr. Reynolds was told that with COVID, he'll back to him as soon as possible. Mayor Castor thanked him for working on it and asked that he keep us updated.

WASTEWATER

Mayor Castor reported that Lauren McMillan at Piper Sander are setting up a call. She's a public finance consultant who will help inform our financing for the sewer project.

BUILDING PERMITTING

Mayor Castor reported that Andy Peterson with the Bureau of Development Services is drafting an IGA for Portland to do our building inspections. We should have a draft soon.

RACIAL EQUITY

Mayor Castor reported that he will have a meeting with Roberto Montoya, with the Government Alliance for Racial Equity. They will talk about training opportunities for the city and what it might cost.

Mayor Castor reported that he met with Chief Deputy Morrissey and got updates on where they're at with things. They're working on a presentation to share with us on what the department does to train its people to promote racial equity and prevent systemic racism. The presentation is about a month out. They offered to have Doug Asbo who heads the HOPE team come in and do a presentation for us.

Mayor Castor mentioned that Councilor Akers has gone through Academy Day at the Sheriff's training facility. It gives a better perspective on what it means to be a law enforcement officer. They are willing to do group training for Park Watch. They could possibly offer ride-along opportunities for people in that group.

Prior to the BLM march on the 4th, Todd Webber sat in on a call with the organizing group and heard the request not to have the Sheriff's department there, so they wanted to convey that they hear our residents and want to be our partner. Mayor Castor said thank you to Marci Marshall, her daughter Ruby, and other organizers of the event. He pointed out that we are unable to hold our city sponsored events, nor are we able to grant a permit with the current Phase 1 re-opening from COVID 19. Mayor Castor noted that it looked like everyone was wearing masks. He thanked everyone who was involved in the march.

Mayor Castor asked if anyone had any questions. Councilor Winslow asked if he had received any complaints regarding the fireworks. Mayor Castor reported that he hadn't received anything and asked if City Recorder Sanders had. She indicated that no complaints were received. Mayor Castor mentioned that we had done our own fireworks in the past, and many residents have an issue with the noise.

WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN

Mayor Castor then asked Council President Winslow to provide his updates. Council President Winslow reported on his conversations with Lauren and Christine who are contacts with companies that provide services to cities regarding bond issues. He reported that we are at the point where we need to decide because the next step involves entering into a contract. They are reluctant to continue discussing any details due to regulations. Council President Winslow reported that he doesn't see a need to change the timeline of when we'd present the issue to the public. He advises to continue on the path, get an agreement in writing, and go in-depth for setting dates to get the issue on the ballot.

Mayor Castor clarified that these are people who specialize in bond issues, drafting them, and getting them on the ballot.

Council President Winslow reported that we can have one person handle all of it. Christine Reynolds is probably capable of doing that. He has concerns about the others due to possible association with other companies. Mayor Castor asked if we are getting their proposals. Council President Winslow responded yes.

CERT

Council President Winslow had no updates on CERT.

CARES ACT FUNDING

Mayor Castor reported that he has been in meetings with Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and representatives from other cities. Mayor Wheeler has been working toward allocating some of the Federal money to the rest of us <East county cities.> Mayor Castor noted that the City of Portland is under no obligation to share those funds. It is hoped that we could recoup some of the costs that we've expended during the COVID 19 pandemic, such as the cost of the Chromebooks for the Council so that we could conduct these <Council> meetings remotely. Portland may have more money than expected, and they may provide a per capita disbursement rather than straight reimbursement of expenses. We may get around \$25,000 to \$30,000 from that funding. Mayor Bemis of Gresham was leading the East County Cities in this effort, but he is no longer there, so things have slowed a bit.

Mayor Castor asked Council President Winslow if he had anything else. Council President Winslow asked if he should be a part of a meeting with Mayor Castor where they would discuss various means of financing. He was interested in that. Council President Winslow had nothing else.

SPEED BUMP BIDS AND STOP SIGNS

Councilor Montross reported that Dave from S2 finally got back to her and promised a quote toward the end of the week on the speed bumps. Eric Johnson with Multnomah County said our sign blanks have come in and he will have the fabricator work on them the first part of this week.

Councilor Montross reported that she called the City of Sandy to see if they have surplus trash cans. She left her name and number and they will get back to her. She is also working on getting more pooper scoopers for along the bike path and at the Commons.

HOMELESS CAMPS

Councilor Montross reported that agencies are currently not moving homeless camps now with COVID, but she will keep calling.

Councilor Montross extended thanks to the NAGS group, No Agenda Gals, for cleaning the footbridge and the fountain. Mayor Castor noted that he had seen them, and that they look great.

Councilor Montross reported that City Recorder Sanders had forwarded an email to her regarding small city allotment grants. We have until the end of July to apply and then would find out at the end of October if we would receive any funds. She is checking to see if any of our needs would fall into the listed categories. There is \$5 million available, and they have not received a lot of submissions. Mayor Castor suggested the possibilities of an ADA ramp for the Commons and irrigation for the berm.

VALLEY VIEW

Councilor Montross reported that she is waiting for Dan with Valley View to submit a bid for the irrigation system. They were going to start in June, then postponed to July, and now they are 2-3 weeks out due to finishing up other projects. They will get a porta potty to put by the green container with a combination lock. Mayor Castor asked what is driving the need for a porta potty. Councilor Montross reported that with COVID, they don't want to use the public bathrooms.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Councilor Montross reported that she hopes to have an outline done by next meeting as to what we need. She wants to schedule training, but due to COVID, training classes are on hold right now.

MULTI-USE PATH

Mayor Castor asked Councilor Montross if the graffiti along the multi-use path got cleaned up. It has not been.

Councilor Montross reported that the house on 92nd Avenue has one pile of shingle debris left. Mayor Castor asked if they have cut the lawn yet. Councilor Montross reported that she would check on it.

Mayor Castor mentioned that we might look at fencing along the berm with regards to the grant. Campers are frequently found beyond the chain link fence along the berm because it's easy to cut. Mayor Castor had talked with someone about replacing it with a wrought iron fence and was told that we would have to pay for it.

Mayor Castor noted that Park Watch has gotten quiet lately. He doesn't know if there is any interest or not. He will put something in the next bulletin and see if we can drum up some support.

PBOT

Councilor Williams reported that he heard back from PBOT regarding the changes to 102nd and Fremont. He said that there was not a lot of info but that they did send a couple of high-level markups that he can distribute to the Council. Construction should begin at the end of July.

Mayor Castor asked if we had any dialogue about 102 and Prescott. Councilor Williams reported that he asked but was told by Leor at PBOT that they didn't have any plans to change that.

Councilor Akers asked Councilor Williams if PBOT has the final plans for 102nd. Will it be presented to us, or will they just go ahead and do it? Councilor Williams reported that anything that is within our city limits, no. But on the SE side of 102 and Fremont, cyclers don't know where to go, so they're going to put in a ramp to make it more visible. Councilor Akers asked if the final plans were in place for the area in front of the Montross' place. Councilor Williams reported that there are no changes, and that they are going to execute their plan.

NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Castor opened the floor to new business.

Treasurer Irwin reported that she received an engagement letter from our auditors, Pauly Rogers. Their fee for the fiscal year June 30, 2020 audit is \$9,600 which is an increase of \$500 from the previous year. We budgeted \$9,500 so we are \$100 short. She hopes to submit everything to them by the middle of August and hopes to have the audit results back by December.

Councilor Akers suggested that Councilor Montross sign up for the Sheriff Academy. Mayor Castor said that Councilor Montross will be first on the list, if she is interested, once they start up again. With COVID, they are finding it difficult to train their own officers, let alone hold the Academy Day.

Resident Ron Dickson, otherwise known as Galaxy Note9, was recognized by Mayor Castor. He reported that last week around 3:00 am, he caught on camera on Failing coming off Maywood Pl, a man who went up driveways checking cars. They had found one open and pilfered through it. The previous week around midnight, he was walking along the fence line on Maywood Pl and came across a couple using a tree for a bathroom on the berm south of Shaver. Mayor Castor asked him to connect with Councilor Akers or Councilor Montross to see if we need Rapid Response to come out and do any clean-up.

Mayor Castor asked if the car had been broken into or if it was left unlocked. Mr. Dickson reported that it was accidentally left unlocked. Mayor Castor reiterated the need to keep lights on and car doors locked for security.

Mayor Castor asked if there were any other comments or new business. Nothing further.

Mayor Castor asked if Marci or Ashley had anything to share about the BLM march on Saturday. Marci said thanks for the generosity of the residents of Maywood Park. They were able to feed everyone, have masks and water, and trash cans out, so no litter was left around, and that it was a peaceful march. Mayor Castor thanked Marci and Ruby, and others for pulling it together and ensuring that it was peaceful and respectful. He reported that he was drafting the next bulletin, and that there's room to share a message, so if someone from the organizing group has a message or statement, they would like published, he's open to it. Marci mentioned the call with MultCo Sheriff, and that the teen organizers didn't want police present. Instead, they had the Portland Peace Team, de-escalation group, present, and PDX Bike Swarm to direct traffic. Safety measures were there, just not the police. She reported that the Deputy took an earful from the young people, but that it was a positive interaction.

Mayor Castor asked if Ashley had something to share. Ashley reported that their idea wasn't to replace what usually happens on the 4th of July, but to provide another idea of what patriotism could look like. They wanted to let the people voice their opinions. She said that they were so proud to have the youth lead them. She mentioned Pastor Wisener and Dr. Leroy Hanes. Ashley reported that the Portland Peace Team said it was one of the most organized events they've been to. Bike Swarm also appreciated it. Mayor Castor thanked her.

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 7:58 pm.