

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK
16 NOVEMBER 2020 7:00-8:00 PM

- COUNCIL MEETING -

In Attendance: Mayor Matthew Castor, Council President Michelle Montross, Councilor Jim Akers, Councilor Mike Reynolds

Absent:

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

Residents present: Dickson, Jeff Williams, bill, Bob Burrow, George D, Kevin Atchley, Kim, Lalena Dolby, nimsk, Robin Wisner

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

PRESENTATION

Lt. Jordan gave statistics for Maywood Park. Maywood Park's monthly stats are average for the month of October. In October we had 27 dispatch calls for service. 22 self-initiated calls and about the same last year. We had 28 calls in the month of September 2020. Calls are rated by Priority 1 to 7, with 1 being extreme life safety, Maywood Park had 5 calls in Priority 1 and 2, which is up from the yearly average of 2.9. We had 3 last month. The average response time is 13 minutes, which is 2 minutes longer than the yearly average. The total time spent on calls in Maywood Park was 22 hours 16 minutes, with the yearly average being 17 hours 16 min. Time spent per call averaged 29.42 minutes, which is also higher than the yearly average of 22 minutes per call. We had one non-injury crash. We had two community policing calls. Community policing means advising residents on parking, security features around their home, etc. Lt. Jordan then offered to take questions.

Mayor Castor asked about an equity presentation and if it might be ready by January. Lt. Jordan said that it is supposed to be ready by the end of the year and that they plan to present at the first meeting in January, with the new Council. They have formed a new Community Partnership Unit, which includes a captain, a lieutenant, and a sergeant. Components include Search & Rescue, Reserves, and the HOPE Team. They envision a Town Hall type meeting, which they hope residents will attend.

Mayor Castor asked if there were other questions. There were none. He thanked Lt. Jordan for his presentation.

HEIBERG GARBAGE

Mayor Castor recognized Brian and Jessi from Heiberg Garbage, reporting that we have not had a rate increase in about 10 years and that we have community interest in curbside food waste composting. He turned the meeting over to them.

Brian gave a short introduction, then referenced the spreadsheet that he had provided to the City. He mentioned that the rates in the spreadsheet that were provided are from 2019. Metro is proposing to raise their rates in January. Typically, they raise rates in July, but they did not this year because of COVID. The rate increase that they are proposing now are large. It could impact customers by 30 to 60 cents per month on their bills.

Mayor Castor wondered if the large rate increase by Metro is due in part to the failure of the bond measure. Brian feels that Metro funds a lot of what they do through garbage rates. Mayor Castor clarified that there may be an increase of 30 to 60 cents per customer.

Brian reported that the cities of Milwaukie and Gresham don't allow customers to provide their own cans as a safety measure. Heiberg wants to put everyone in Maywood Park into a roller cart provided by them. He continued with the

spreadsheet, pointing out the “# of customers” column for each type of service. The main increase in the pricing for larger cans is the cost of disposal.

Mayor Castor asked about disposal of food waste. Brian gave a quick background on the City of Portland. They changed garbage to every other week but collected recycling and yard debris every week. The cost of disposal varies. Some of the yard debris facilities do not allow food waste. Jessi mentioned that there is sometimes food waste in the yard debris carts from Maywood Park. When there’s food waste in with the yard debris, they must take it to a Metro facility and the fees are almost as much as garbage fees. The difference in cost is \$2.15 per customer, but it is still a little lower than what it should be. Heiberg would like to have everyone mix food and yard debris for consistency. When the change was implemented in Portland, there was grumbling at first, but soon, everyone got on board. Brian assured the Council that Heiberg will provide the service that we want.

Mayor Castor asked if we found that the majority of residents supported food waste composting, can residents who don’t want to participate opt out? Brian replied that everyone will be billed the same if we choose to accept food waste in yard debris, whether they participate or not. The City of Portland has an economist that sets rates. They incentivize or disincentivize based on what they want to do, so this helped in getting the population to comply.

Mayor Castor called for questions from the Council.

Council President Montross feels that it should be put to a City vote on a ballot if people cannot opt out.

Brian said that the last rate increase was in November 2016, which was when the City of Maywood Park went to weekly yard debris collection. He said that Heiberg has been remiss in their rate evaluations, and that they will try to do a better job. The rates have nothing to do with what Metro may be doing in January. They could be 30 to 60 cents more per customer.

Mayor Castor asked what their typical cycle with other municipalities is for rate evaluation. Brian said that it’s a challenge to figure out the costs for City of Maywood Park. City of Portland dictates to them what rates are going to be. Portland recently lowered the cost of the 60 gallon can, so they lowered their rate by about \$1.00. This resulted in a lot of people switching to the correct size can for their service needs.

Mayor Castor recognized Resident Miriam Berman. She asked if the tomato plants she had at the end of the season with tomatoes still on them, would that be considered food waste. Jessi answered yes. Brian was not sure that this is true. He thought that if it was grown in the garden, it can go in the yard debris cart.

Mayor Castor recognized Lalena Dolby. She asked about the survey that already had been conducted that showed 50% of residents interested in curbside composting. She hopes that we can move forward with education around curbside composting. Ms. Dolby offered to help move the conversation forward. Mayor Castor affirmed that we conducted a survey around April, and that about half of the respondents were in favor of curbside composting. There were 134 respondents, and we have around 307 properties in Maywood Park. Mayor Castor pointed out that we can’t take for granted that 134 respondents mean 134 households. We need to consider all the voices. Anything we can do to educate people is great. Brian verified that Ms. Dolby isn’t currently putting her compost in her yard debris cart. Ms. Dolby was interested to learn that newer residents were putting food scraps into their yard debris bins already since this is the practice in City of Portland.

Mayor Castor recognized resident Bob Burrow. Mr. Burrow asked if the standard rate increase proposed is from \$30 to \$34.15 for the lowest level of service. Brian emphasized that with upgrading everyone to a roller can, yes, it would be \$34.15. He also mentioned that the \$30.00 is a 2010 rate. Heiberg proposes providing a roller can to all customers at this time. Mr. Burrow then asked if you would have to put your food waste in the yard debris cart if the City made that decision. Brian confirmed that a person would not have to put their food waste in their yard cart, however, the fee would not decrease. Mr. Burrow remarked that he had never had a garbage cart, and that he always had his own can.

Mayor Castor asked if there were other questions. There were none. Mayor Castor requested comments on how to proceed, noting that the topic deserves more discussion. He asked if Ms. Dolby would help with educating people in the community, and if Brian and Jessi had any brochures to assist in the education efforts.

Ms. Dolby said that she would be happy to help brainstorm ideas on getting information to our community. Mayor Castor asked if anyone on the Council would help Ms. Dolby. Ms. Dolby said that she did a quick google search, but the information available seemed to be old. Brian said that they have some information from the City of Portland and offered to provide her with contacts with the City of Portland. He mentioned that they have two Master Recyclers on staff who may be available to help.

Mayor Castor said that we could all stand to be more educated and forward thinking. Brian pointed out that they had challenges with adding curbside composting in Portland, and that we will have a very mixed reaction to it.

Mayor Castor asked if there were any more questions for Brian and Jessi. There were none. He thanked them for their presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Castor then asked the Council if they had any corrections in the minutes of the Council Meeting. There were none. Mayor Castor called for a motion to approve the November 02, 2020, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Akers made the motion, which was seconded by Council President Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Montross voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Reynolds voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer Irwin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020. On the statement of assets, liabilities, & fund balance, pages 3-4 of the report, the total of cash assets is \$413,926.15. On page 5-7, the fiscal year to date actual vs annual budget amounts are shown. Actual column is for July through October 2020 and the budget column is for the full fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Irwin reported that she broke out the franchise fees this time so that the Council could see the breakdown on each franchise.

Mayor Castor asked about the low amount on Century Link. Ms. Irwin said that it's been consistent. We don't have a lot of residents that use Century Link. Council President Montross asked if we were removing something from our Comcast services. Ms. Irwin said that we have updated our service contract with them. We reduced our base fee, but we added 5 static IP lines for ORMS. The Comcast bills for July through October totaled \$731.

Ms. Irwin continued reporting that the last 3 pages of the Treasurer's Report show the checks and deposits for each cash account by date for the month noting that the October Comcast bill was \$144. Prior to renegotiating, the bill was close to \$175.

Mayor Castor asked about an expenditure for Halloween Costumes. Ms. Irwin replied that Halloween Costumes was the vendor name, and that the expenditure was for a Santa costume to be used in the City for many years to come.

Ms. Irwin asked if there were any other questions. There were none. She called for motion to approve the October 2020 Treasurer's Report with total cash balance of \$413,926.15. Councilor Akers made the motion, which was seconded by Council President Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Montross voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Reynolds voted aye.

RESOLUTION 286

Mayor Castor addressed Resolution 286 for the IGA for Building Permit Services with the City of Portland. A dissolution clause was added, giving us and Portland a way to discontinue services. Example forms and fee structure were included in the agenda packet. Our IGA with Troutdale was supposed to end in October, but they've granted us a one-time extension for the IGA through the end of December. Mayor Castor called for discussion and questions. There were none. Mayor Castor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 286. Councilor Akers made the motion, which was seconded by Council President Montross. Mayor Castor voted aye, Council President Montross voted aye, Councilor Akers voted aye, Councilor Reynolds voted aye.

CARES ACT IGA

Mayor Castor reported that Warren Allen was unable to review the CARES Act IGA for us, so he has been in contact with the Saalfeld Griggs law firm to review it. We are waiting on the results of their review.

WASTEWATER

Mayor Castor reported that we are waiting to hear back from Christine Reynolds on the bond information for the wastewater system.

ELECTION

Mayor Castor extended congratulations to the Council elect. He thanked them for running and for being willing to serve in our community.

CATCH BASIN AND DRYWELL

Council President Montross reported that the catch basin and drywell cleaning has been moved to December 7th through 11th. She requested that residents who have a grate in front of their driveway or yard to please keep the top clear. She reported that the street sweeping has been completed and asked residents not to put their leaves in the street. They won't be picked up.

SPEED LIMIT

Council President Montross reported that we passed the 20-mph speed limit, but due to signage unavailability, it will not go into effect until next spring.

ELECTED OFFICIALS WORKSHOP

Council President Montross reported that the Elected Officials Workshop for our region is December 11th. She asked all Council members and newly elected members to attend.

VALLEY VIEW

Council President Montross reported that Valley View came out and blew out the water lines for the irrigation system and winterized it. They are working with ODOT towards repairs. It may be a few weeks before we hear anything.

Valley View will be working on the old Maywood sign that is broken on the berm side facing I-205. They will try to get to it next week.

Councilor President Montross reported that the porta-potty at the end of Campaign Street was supposed to have been removed last week, but she had noticed that it is still there. She let Dan at Valley View know, so he will see that the leasing company gets it picked up.

HEIBURG

Council President Montross reported that roller carts for garbage, recycling, and yard debris need to face the street so that they can be grabbed by the truck. If they aren't in the right position, the driver must get out and turn them the right way. She reminded everyone that garbage collection will begin early on Thanksgiving Day and asked that all carts be out at the street by 6:00 am.

PARKING

Council President Montross reported that people have been complaining about vehicles parked too close to stop signs. Vehicles should be 50 ft from stop signs by state Code. The Sheriff's Office may begin citing illegally parked vehicles. Mayor Castor also pointed out that parking in the wrong direction on the wrong side of the street is a violation/citable offense.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Council President Montross reported that the Governor has extended the State of Emergency and initiated a freeze from November 18th through December 16th. As a result, Maywood Commons is closed, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony has been cancelled.

LEASH LAW

Council President Montross asked everyone to clean up after their pets and dispose of the bags properly. Some used bags have been found in the dog bag dispenser boxes.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID

Council President Montross reported on a webinar about Psychological First Aid. This is a training in first response actions for meeting the needs of people who have been through a disaster. She suggests all Councilors and CERT team members take it on December 3 and 4 from 8:00 am to Noon. It's an online event. They do have limited space. She emphasized that if you sign up, please make sure to attend. The fee will be paid by the City out of the CERT team funds, and it's a rather pricey fee.

COUNCILOR AKERS

Councilor Akers reported that he had nothing to report.

COUNCILOR REYNOLDS

Councilor Reynolds reported that he had a Zoom meeting with Scott Cohen, director of Safe Streets and the Greenway system. They will be helping with the diverter at Skidmore and Maywood Place.

Mayor Castor asked if any Councilors or residents had anything else. Mayor Castor recognized resident Ron Dickson. Mr. Dickson mentioned that he noticed Councilor Akers was on his phone and the phone reflected in his glasses. Mr. Dickson said he could use a magnifier and see exactly what Councilor Akers was looking at. Mayor Castor thanked him for the observation.

Mayor Castor asked if there were any more comments. There were none.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.