

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY July 15, 2021

Zoom Meeting Access Information:

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CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

AGENDA ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

CONVENED:

Mayor Casey Wheeler called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Public access and comment was available via published Zoom meeting access information.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Casey Wheeler
Councilor Gordon Thistle
Councilor Jeff Reinan
Councilor Sue Ziglinski

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Katrina Claridge

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator/Recorder
Lauren Scott, Contracted City Planner

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

2.1 Public Hearing: To discuss proposed modifications to the Columbia City Development Code (CCDC); Chapter 7.85 (RCE) River Club Estates Overlay and Chapter 7.160 Procedures for Decision Making - Legislative.

MAYOR WHEELER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS PROVIDED. MAYOR WHEELER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:** None

AGENDA ITEM 4 **COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

AGENDA ITEM 5 **STAFF REPORTS:**

5.1 Activity Report from the Police Operations Sergeant. A written report from the Police Operations Sergeant, Jerry Bartolomucci, was submitted documenting the previous month's activities.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

6.1 **Bills paid with check numbers 33203 through 33249 during the month of June, 2021.**

6.2 **Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2021.**

6.3 **Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.**

COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

AGENDA ITEM 8 **NEW BUSINESS:**

8.1 **Council Bill 21-930: A Resolution Rescinding the Emergency Declaration and Emergency Declaration Extension Issued by Mayor Casey Wheeler in regards to the Ongoing Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); Repealing Resolution No.'s 20-1249-R and 20-1250-R.**

MOVED (REINAN), SECONDED (ZIGLINSKI) AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE COUNCIL BILL 21-930.

8.2 **First reading of Council Bill 21-931: An Ordinance Amending the Columbia City Development Code (CCDC); Chapter 7.85 (RCE) River Club Estates Overlay and Chapter 7.160 Procedures for Decision Making – Legislative.**

CITY COUNCIL CONDUCTED THE FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILL 21-931.

8.3 **Review, discussion and consideration for approval of a Cable Television Franchise between the City of Columbia City, Oregon and Comcast of Oregon II, Inc.**

MOVED (ZIGLINSKI), SECONDED (THISTLE), AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED BY TIM GOODMAN OF COMCAST OF OREGON II, INC. .

8.4 **Review, discussion and consideration of approval for a Structure In Unimproved Right-of-Way Application; as submitted by Marshall Simmons of 515 Skookum Court.**

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (ZIGLINSKI) AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED WITH THE PROVISION THAT SIGHT CLEARANCE MANDATES ARE MET.

AGENDA ITEM 9 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

9.1 The City Administrator/Recorder and Council discussed the following issues and activities:

The City Council and Administrator discussed the Police Department's Local Option Levy, which the City is entering the final year of its most recent five-year re-certification. With the City wishing to pursue another five-year re-certification for police services, the discussion centered around the selection of election cycles, the estimated costs for running on the November 2021 Special Election versus the May 2022 Primary Election, as well as the amount for the local option levy ballot. Council decided to seek voter approval in the May 2022 Primary Election, due to its reduced costs, and tasked the City Administrator with performing a cost analysis of either keeping the amount of the levy at \$0.67 per \$1,000 value; with additional options of increasing the levy value by 25%, 50%,

75%, and 100%. This analysis is to be reported to the Council at the August 19, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

The City Council elected to resume in-person City Council meetings at the August 19, 2021 Regular City Council meeting, with a start time to begin at 6:30 pm.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic one City employee, Police Officer Alex Bubar, left employment and two Council members, Sally Ann Marson and Karli Ebert, left office. Due to the meeting restrictions during the pandemic these persons were not able to be honored for their service to the community. With normal operations resuming the City Administrator will coordinate recognition for these personnel.

AGENDA ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

APPROVED:

Casey Wheeler
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael S. McGlothlin
City Administrator/Recorder