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Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting – January 23, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Rick Newton, Pam Ackley, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin and Mayor Henry Balensifer

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Police Chief Matt Workman, Finance Director April Clark, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, and Deputy City Recorder Dawne Shaw

Prior to this meeting, Paul Nielson of Isler CPA gave a briefing to the City Commission on the 2017 Audit Report, which is included in the Consent Calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newton stated Helping Hands has purchased a building in Astoria which will allow them to have 60 beds, to help with the homeless situation in Astoria. He also gave a brief update on the Warming Center and how they would like to reformat to best serve people in the county and assist more children.

Commissioner Dyer welcomed everyone and also noted the how the homeless situation is affecting kids. He stated he is thankful for the Warrenton City Commission, noting that other city councils do not always work well together.

Commissioner Ackley gave update on Warrenton - Hammond Healthy Kids; and noted breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness is difficult. She discussed how Hampton Mills trains students for job interviews, and explained other programs available for school kids.

Mayor Balensifer asked to add a letter of support for the National Park Service to the agenda as item 7-D; there were no objections from the Commission.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) – None

BUSINESS

City Manager Linda Engbretson presented Ordinance No. 1216 for the second reading and adoption, noting the first reading was done at the last meeting.

Commissioner Ackley made the motion conduct the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 1216; *Amending Warrenton Municipal Code 16.136.020 Transportation Standards Regarding the Pavement Width Standard for a Local Road and 16.216.020 General Requirements [for Land Divisions] Regarding the Standards for Residential Neighborhood Parks.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 1216, by title only.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1216. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye

City Manager Linda Engbretson stated after conducting a Public Hearing at its January 9 meeting, the City Commission directed staff to prepare an ordinance to vacate several unimproved street rights-of-way in the vicinity of SE 19th Street as petitioned by Clatsop County.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion conduct the first reading by title only, of Ordinance No. 1217; *“An Ordinance Vacating Undeveloped Street Rights-of-Way in the Plats of Warrenton Park and Portsmouth Addition to Warrenton in Warrenton, Oregon.”* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 1217, by title only.

City Manager Linda Engbretson requested to table the Collective Bargaining Agreement for General Employees, as she has not yet received the final draft to present; there was no objection from the Commission.

Mayor Balensifer explained the letter of support for the National Parks System.

Commissioner Newton made the motion to authorize the Mayors signature on a letter of support to the National Parks Service. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Balensifer – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye

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PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Widdicombe spoke in regards to the 8th street flood control structure and presented a packet of documents to the City Commission. He requested the Commission have legal counsel review the documents and advise at the next meeting.

There being no further business Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawhe Shaw, Deputy City Recorder