

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Work Session – September 10, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the work session to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

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

Public Works Director, Collin Stelzig, discussed the SE 9th Street Local Improvement District (LID). He presented the Power Point Presentation and provided copies outlining the suggested LID. Mr. Stelzig explained the LID process and the remonstrance agreements. He continued to explain the areas for the proposed improvements, noting the city will do the work and the LID would reimburse the city over time. Mr. Stelzig asked the commission for direction. Discussion continued. Mr. Tom Tussing, land owner, noted his concerns. Conversation continued. Mayor Balensifer noted the need for modifiers; the use of the structure and what kind of use is going to be applied. Discussion continued.

Mayor Balensifer stated in terms of financing for this specific project he proposes case by case. Conversation continued.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if it would make sense to lump smaller projects together, to bring project costs down? Mr. Stelzig stated although there are draw backs to lumping projects together it is a possibility; bigger projects typically bring in more bids. Mr. Stelzig stated that staff will look at this internally and evaluate the options for dividing the cost among the property owners and then go through the appropriate process to move forward.

Mayor Balensifer noted the property owners in the audience; he asked if anyone wished to speak. Mr. Tussing noted concerns about moving the fire hydrant, which is currently in the way of the proposed sidewalk. He does not want to have to pay to move the hydrant. Conversation continued. Mayor Balensifer noted once we get the proposed design, we can further discuss the fire hydrant details. Mr. Tussing noted \$15,000 is easier to come up with than \$86,000. Ms. Brandy Gregg, owner of Bay Breeze Kennels, stated that for a small business owner there are many increased costs to run a business. When costs go up its very hard to keep the business going. Both owners noted costs above \$15,000 would create a hardship.

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the work session at 5:56 p.m.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, City Recorder