

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Work Session – May 26, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Commissioners Present: Mayor Balensifer, Mark Baldwin, Pam Ackley (via Zoom), Rick Newton (via Zoom) – arrived at 5:47

Excused: Commissioner Tom Dyer

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin, RARE Participant Morgan Murray, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Police Chief Mathew Workman, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

Mr. Cronin introduced RARE Participant, Morgan Murray, and gave an opening speech regarding the work Ms. Murray has produced. Ms. Murray gave a power point presentation. She explained there are three sections to the power point: Parks Master Plan update, Forest Rim Concept Plan, and Grant Opportunity. She began presenting the Parks Master Plan update and noted the Parks Master Plan should be updated every ten years. She continued to note the number of citizens involved throughout the process. Mayor Balensifer noted that the number of citizens involved in the process was very impressive. He pointed out that the Hammond Marina is not entirely a park when Seafarer's Park does not encompass the entire marina. He would like the documentation to be clear on that. Ms. Murray clarified. Mayor Balensifer stated that any map or document that the city puts out to the public should be accurate – so all is aligned in terms of what we are presenting to people. He also asked about recommendation 2.6 (chapter 5.3). Ms. Murray noted the recommendations came from the 2010 plan and clarified the reasoning behind the recommendation being carried over into the new Parks Master Plan. Mayor Balensifer stated he does not have a problem with a parks commission being set up and he doesn't have a problem with giving them independent expenditure authority with oversight provided a plan is established through the commission if and only if the Parks Board can present its monetization policies and can raise its own funds independent of the General Fund. He continued to expand on the issue. He also noted recommendation 2.9 and gave his thoughts on the matter. Brief conversation continued. Mayor Balensifer noted section 2.11 and wanted to know if the community garden was going to continue, we do not own that land; 2.14 – community compost, he noted that he received constituent mail asking about having curbside compost and noted it is worth looking into. He asked if this section could be defined further. Ms. Murray stated this section came from a special work session with the Parks Advisory Board. They had been receiving comments from the community about having a community compost.

Mayor Balensifer asked what the new additions are to the Parks Master Plan. Ms. Murray noted there were at least 8 new recommendations. Discussion followed on the soccer fields. Ms. Murray explained the maps; what is city owned and what is county owned, etc. Discussion continued. Mayor Balensifer and Commissioner Newton asked for clarification on section 3.25. Mayor Balensifer asked about the parking lot at Forest Rim. Ms. Murray clarified. Mayor Balensifer suggested using better maps and stated public documents should not be confusing to people. He also asked about Pacific Drive Park – and why the NOAA space is included, noting it is federal property. Ms. Murray clarified it is maintained by the city. Mayor Balensifer noted there should be a better way to capture and accurately reflect Pacific Drive Park. Mr. Cronin explained the reasoning this was left from the previous Parks Master Plan. Mayor Balensifer noted that he was okay with this section being left as is. Ms. Murray thanked Trisha Hayrynen for her work on the GIS maps.

Ms. Murray continued with a review of the Forest Rim Park concept plan. She noted we anticipate a lot line adjustment, but we currently have 3 acres of designated parkland inside the Forest Rim area. She reviewed the power point presentation as presented in the meeting packet material. Commissioner Newton asked for clarification on what constitutes as a permanent structure. Ms. Murray clarified. Brief conversation continued.


There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the work session at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Duarte, Deputy City Recorder.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, City Recorder