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Warrenton City Commission
November 10, 2020
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: Mayor Balensifer, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin, Pam Ackley (via Zoom), and Rick Newton (arrived at 6:11)

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Community Development Director Scott Hess, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

Mayor Balensifer requested to add items to the agenda and to move them to the front of the business items; item 7C - Port of Astoria resolution; and item 7D – ODOT presentation on Perkins Lane. There were no objections.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. City Commission Work Session Minutes – 10.13.20

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

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Tony Faletti discussed public safety issues – lack of adequate lighting at the library parking lot and lumber trucks blocking entrances to the fire department parking lot. Mayor Balensifer asked City Manager Linda Engbretson about parking enforcement on Main. Chief Workman addressed the matter and noted the trucks occasionally park there to run into the mini mart. He noted it is a safety hazard and they will make contact with the drivers. Mayor Balensifer asked staff to send a letter to the lumber companies to remind them not to park there.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

City Manager Linda Engbretson discussed the Port of Astoria's request regarding deer on airport property, and presented a resolution allowing discharge of firearms and culling of deer within

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city limits (Commissioner Newton arrived at 6:11 p.m.) Ms. Engbretson stated legal counsel suggested we also update our municipal code if this will be a permanent policy. Port of Astoria Airport Manager, Gary Kobes stated they have 10 kill permits from ODFW and can get additional permits, if needed. He discussed the issues that deer on runways present, noting it is very dangerous to aircraft. He stated the hunts will be at night, and they will coordinate with Chief Workman. Chief Workman discussed further and suggested signage at ends of dike trails notifying people of night hunting. Mayor Balensifer suggested closing the dike trails for that time period, with notification signs. After further discussion the resolution will be amended to add a second Now Therefore, stating “the City Commission authorizes the Police Chief to close the trail system near the Astoria/Warrenton airport as seen prudent, prior to the activities, and that adequate signage will be posted for the safety of pedestrians.”

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the amendment to Resolution No. 2578. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Newton made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2578 as amended. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

ODOT Region 2 Area Manager, Tony Snyder discussed the safety project at the Perkins Lane/Hwy 101 intersection. He discussed the reasoning for this project and noted accidents in the past. Mr. Snyder explained that if the money is not used for this specific project, the safety program cannot allocate the money to another intersection in Clatsop County; it would be allocated elsewhere in the region. Commissioner Dyer discussed the north end of Dolphin that is closed off. Mr. Snyder noted ODOT is very hesitant to add another access to 101. After brief discussion there were no objections to the project.

Police Chief Workman presented Ordinance No. 1245 for its second reading and adoption.

Commissioner Ackley made the motion to conduct the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1245. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1245; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.04 “Dog Control” of the Warrenton Municipal Code and Adding New Provisions Related to Physical Control.

Commissioner Newton made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1245. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

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City Manager Linda Engbretson discussed her vacation request beginning December 21, noting she will be back in the office December 29. She noted December 22 is a commission meeting date; Chief Workman can attend the meeting in her absence. After brief discussion there were no objections to approve city manager's vacation request.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Balensifer congratulated City Commissioner Elect Gerald Poe and introduced new Community Development Director Scott Hess. Mr. Hass gave a few comments.

Commissioner Ackley offered congratulations to Mr. Poe.

Commissioner Newton stated he attended the Fire Department/Library event this past weekend. He noted he also attended the Parks Advisory Board meeting and gave them a well-deserved "atta boy." He also noted the Spruce Up Warrenton Trunk or Treat event success, briefly discussed the failure to appear rate, and congratulated to Mr. Poe.

Commissioner Dyer congratulated Mr. Poe, noting he will be a welcome addition. He stated he is glad the entire election process is over, so we can start getting back to as normal as we can.

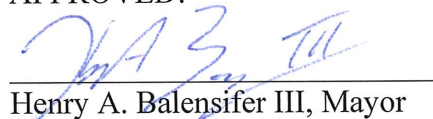
Commissioner Baldwin congratulated Mr. Poe, noting he is looking forward to working with him.

Ms. Engbretson noted city offices closed are tomorrow in observance of Veterans Day.

Mayor Balensifer discussed helicopters used for spotting during hunting season and stated the Coast Guard will be putting in a temporary flight restriction during hunting season over hunting areas.

At 6:43 p.m. Mayor Balensifer adjourned the regular meeting and announced they will now meet in executive session under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(d); *to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations*. He stated the Commission is not expected to return to regular session to take action on any item considered in the executive session.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder

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