

MINUTES  
Warrenton City Commission  
Work Session – April 13, 2021  
5:00 p.m.  
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers  
225 S. Main  
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the work session to order at 5:09 p.m.

City Commissioners Present: Mayor Henry Balensifer (via Zoom), Tom Dyer, Rick Newton, Gerald Poe, and Mark Baldwin

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Fire Chief Brian Alsbury, Finance Director April Clark, Deputy City Recorder Rebecca Sprengeler, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

City Manager Linda Engbretson noted staff have put together the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2022 – 2027. This is a living document with anticipated projects for the next six years. She asked for feedback and assistance in prioritizing the projects.

Discussion began about General Fund departments on page 2. Mayor Balensifer noted the Quincy Robinson Trust Board funded projects are funded by an outside entity. The funds cannot be moved around. Mayor Balensifer asked about money earmarked for the Hammond Waterline project. Public Works Director Collin Stelzig clarified that after discussion with Congresswoman Bonomici's office, Public Works is asking for \$1 million for the earmark and using existing loan and grant money from the state. Discussion followed.

Mayor Balensifer requested the Hammond fishing pier plan be added to the CIP; He has been in communication with ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Director is very excited about this project and wants to push it forward putting a bulkhead or pierhead in Seafarer's Park. This would help reclaim lost parking and land, as well as provide handicap accessible fishing and crabbing. Putting it in the CIP allows for a plan that can be referenced in potential, future partnership with the state. The state has already provided rough estimates. Brief discussion continued.

Ms. Engbretson moved the conversation to the Building Department. There is an additional vehicle for the Building Official in the CIP. Brief discussion followed.

Mayor Balensifer directed the conversation to the Tansy Point anodes on page 3. There was discussion on the corrosion of the anodes. The City is not planning to replace the anodes this year.

Mayor Balensifer moved to Storm Sewer and asked about the SRTS (Safe Routes to School) grant. Mr. Stelzig said it will come to the City Commission tonight. Mayor Balensifer noted previous discussion about cost difficulties for sidewalk improvements on Main Avenue due to storm runoff. Mr. Stelzig responded, noting the Otak analysis. An extra storm pump is not needed for Main because of this project.

Mayor Balensifer asked about the tide gate replacement program. Mr. Stelzig said the Commission will have a contract at the next meeting for about \$50,000 for two tide gates at Alder Creek this year. Public Works is hoping to spend money on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street tide gate next year. There are not funds to be proactive about this, therefore it is in the CIP. Mr. Stelzig noted the tide gates and culverts cannot be replaced unless they are replaced with “fish friendly” tide gates. Replacement with a large fish passage will have to be done in the next 10-12 years. Discussion continued on erosion and increased flooding in the Alder Creek area. Discussion followed on the condition and repair process of the tide gates. Mayor Balensifer noted other areas of increased flooding during king tides: Enterprise in Hammond and residential areas near 7<sup>th</sup>. He asked if there is potential for replacement of these tide gates and put in pumps. Mr. Stelzig noted repairs done on the Enterprise tide gate several years ago. There is a project to increase the size of the Hammond storm water line this year to 36 inches. Public Works is also looking to do similar improvement at other areas in the near future. Mr. Stelzig noted a proposed pump station at Vera Slough. The Port is applying for a grant to do research for this. Mayor Balensifer noted he feels Vera Slough is not a good case for this as it was originally an environmental development mitigation project. Mr. Stelzig said there is a proposed pump station in Hammond that has not come to the CIP yet. Mayor Balensifer noted concerns with the tide gates in Hammond flushing sediment into the Marina docks. There was discussion on alternative options for water discharge. Mayor Balensifer asked about the O&M and Alder Monitoring on page 92. Mr. Stelzig said this is in the Stormwater Master Plan. It is local monitoring of rain elevation, drainages, ground waters, etc. Having this data available will be helpful in future tide gate replacement.

Mayor Balensifer asked how long garbage trucks last. Mr. Stelzig noted the City has 3 trucks and is on a 9-year rotation. It was noted how clean the trucks are kept.

Mayor Balensifer asked about police vehicle replacement. He is excited the City is looking at getting the F-150. He has received several comments from constituents about the black vehicles and was curious if there is possibility to start buying in a color other than black. Chief Workman responded that he does not oppose changing the color. He does not prefer to do multi-colored vehicles. OSP (Oregon State Police) is changing to silver. He noted Seaside does a package for their graphics, which is costly; WPD (Warrenton Police Department) does simplistic graphics, locally. He stated he is open to changing and noted he would like to hear from the community on what they would like to see for colors. Discussion continued. The general consensus was to look at alternate colors for the F-150 and to survey the public.

Mayor Balensifer also asked about future plans for evidence storage. Chief Workman noted he is always looking. Options need to be discussed with CIS (Citycounty Insurance Services).

Evidence cannot go offsite for security reasons. Discussion continued about other options for evidence storage. An upper level was mentioned. Concerns about ADA requirements were noted.

Ms. Engbretson gave an overview of the Marinas projects in the CIP. All the projects are funded and have anticipated completion within this next fiscal year. Commissioner Newton discussed liability concerns about a ladder to get on and off the pier. Ms. Engbretson noted it is a question for CIS. Brief discussion continued. Mayor Balensifer asked why there are not more Marina projects outlined in the CIP. Ms. Engbretson noted that historically there has not been much in the CIP for the Marinas. There has been discussion with staff on adding more projects moving forward.

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the work session at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Rebecca Sprengeler, Deputy City Recorder.

APPROVED:

  
Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder