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Warrenton City Commission
November 22, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Henry Balensifer, Mark Baldwin, Tom Dyer, Gerald Poe, and Paul Mitchell

Staff Present: City Manager Esther Moberg, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Public Works Director Collin, Water Treatment Mike, Fire Chief Brian Alsbury, Sargent Pierce, Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Planning Director Jay Blake, Deputy City Recorder Brittney Johnson, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Meeting Minutes – 11.08.22
- B. Police Department Monthly Report - October 2022
- C. Crown Castle Lease

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

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

Police Chief Mathew Workman introduced new Police Officer Robert Crosby and outlined his education and work experience. He gave a brief history of the badge; wife Sarah then pinned the badge on Officer Crosby. Mayor Balensifer then administered the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Balensifer opened the public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance 1259 Psilocybin Temporary Moratorium. Formalities followed. No conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts were reported. City Manager Esther Moberg presented her staff report. Mayor Balensifer asked questions regarding the ballot deadline. He also inquired about the psilocybin restrictions being time, place, manner, like the marijuana ordinance. City Recorder Dawne Shaw responded that she would need to confirm the ballot deadlines with the planning director. Mayor Balensifer re-stated his desire for the restrictions to be the same as marijuana ordinance. Commissioner Mitchell discussed the options that were provided to the planning commission. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to submit to staff to prepare ordinances to regulate psilocybin the same as marijuana businesses within the Warrenton Municipal Code. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

BUSINESS ITEMS

Enterprise Zone Approval Request: Kevin Leahy asked for approval for the long-term property tax exemption for WCT Marine, for the 35 million project that is being done at North Tongue Point. Warrenton is one of the four sponsors and the last sponsor for Mr. Leahy to go in front of the enterprise zone. He explained how WCT Marine will be adding jobs to the community and adding revenue to the community. Mayor Balensifer clarified that, because the City of Warrenton is a sponsor, there would be no financial duties to the City of Warrenton because this project is in the City of Astoria's jurisdiction. Once they are a sponsor though they have to either accept or deny the proposal.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to accept and authorize to approve the long term enterprise zone abatement agreement as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

VFW Grant Authorization: City Manager Esther Moberg reported that the VFW is trying to move forward with pursuing some grants to rehab the old Hammond City Hall Library building. Once the City of Warrenton are still owners of the building, they are asking that the commission preauthorizes the City Manager to approve any upcoming grants.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to accept to give the City Manager the authority to approve upcoming grants the Fort Stevens 10580 VFW Auxiliary may pursue in the next three years for the purpose of restoration and rehabilitation of the former Hammond Library Building. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

Consideration of OSFM Grant: Fire Chief Brian Alsbury asked for permission to apply for the Oregon State Fire Marshalls Office, they are doing a prepare Oregon. The State Fire Marshalls Office is going to buy 60 vehicles and strategically place them around Oregon to help with wildfires. Fire Chief is hoping to get a Type 6 Engine to help get in the tighter and harder to access areas in Warrenton.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept to move to authorize the fire department to apply for a Type 6 Engine from OSFM Office. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

Consideration of Change Order #3: Public Works Operations Manager Collin Stezge gave an update that they are almost done with this project but will be needing an extra \$15,000 to complete the project. Commissioner Baldwin asked if Mr. Stezge could remember how much the engineers estimate was when the project first started. Mr. Stezge told him that the original estimate was around \$900,000. Baldwin noted that the project is still under official estimate.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to accept to move to approve the Change Order #3- Raw Waterline Replacement Project, to increase the contract price up to \$874,216.64, for restraints and

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fittings, sign removal and replacement, tree removal and adjustment of fire watch days. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

City Manger Esther Moberg noted that this is Collin Stezge last meeting with us, and she appreciates all the work he has done for the city over the years. She also noted that travel Oregon grant asking us to support accessibility for people with disabilities. It is a grant to pursue more funding for the Astoria Warrenton Chamber.

At 6:34pm Mayor Balensifer recessed the meeting.

EXEUTIVE SESSION

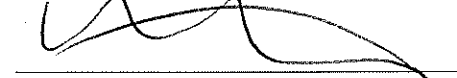
At 6:38 p.m. Mayor Balensifer reconvened the meeting and announced the Commission will now meet in executive session under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e); *to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions*; ORS 192.550(2)(f); *to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection*; and ORS 192.660(2)(h); *to consult with counsel regarding the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.*

At 6:44 Mayor Balensifer reconvened the regular meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Brittney Johnson, Deputy City Recorder.

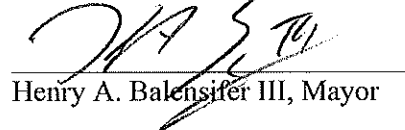
ATTEST:



~~Dawnie Shaw, CMC, City Recorder~~

Brittney Johnson Deputy city recorder

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

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