

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

City Recorder Trudy Borrevik called the roll. The following were

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Munroe, City Councilors Kenneth Michael Roberts, Jake Boone, Jeff Gowing, Garland Burback, Amy Slay and Mike Fleck

YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVE: MJ Raade

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Richard Meyers, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, City Engineer Ron Bradsby, City Planner Amanda Ferguson and Commander Conrad Gagner

CITY ATTORNEY: Carrie Connelly

OTHERS PRESENT: None

The Council recessed at 7:01 into Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:17.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution Declaring Real Property to be Surplus

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said the Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, wasn't able to be at the meeting as his granddaughter was born this morning.

Richard said the property was located by Trailhead Park. He said it was a piece of property the City purchased with the Railroad right-of-way, however over the years buildings had been built and other parties had changed the lines and there has been question on exactly where the property lines were. He said the property currently had a corner of the building where Hard Knocks' business was

located. He said staff was requesting the Council to declare the property surplus.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1898 BE ADOPTED.

Mayor Munroe asked if public comment was allowed on the matter.

Richard said no public comment was allowed since there was a public hearing later in the meeting that addressed the resolution.

City Attorney, Carrie Connelly, said public comment was allowed on items that didn't have a public hearing scheduled. She said she considered it to be the same subject matter.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) Public Hearing on Transfer of Real Property – City of Cottage Grove

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said the Council adopted the Resolution declaring the property surplus and said it was now the time for citizens to comment.

Mayor Munroe opened the public hearing.

No one appeared to speak.

Mayor Munroe closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of March 14, 2016 Council Work Session Minutes
- (b) Approval of March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- (c) Change of Ownership – Limited On-Premises Sales Liquor License for the Cottage Grove Speedway – 2150 N. Douglas

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- (a) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Property Line Adjustment Related to the Property Overlap Between 1024 Main St and Trailhead Park

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said the Council held a public hearing, had an Executive Session and adopted a Resolution declaring the property surplus. It was now appropriate for Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement to transfer and readjust the property lines.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1899 BE ADOPTED.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule Adopted by Ordinance 2361, Exhibit “A” and Resolution No. 1897

City Planner, Amanda Ferguson, said at the last meeting Council adopted Resolution No. 1897 which adjusted various types of building fees. She said it was discovered after the meeting that some of the lines related to the additional plan review fees that were intended to be added were missing in Exhibit A. She said the Resolution before Council amended the fee schedule.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1900 BE ADOPTED.

Councilor Fleck said he would like the Council to review the SDC and permit fees in the future.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(c) Resolution Supporting Approval of the South Lane School District Bond Measure 20-240 in the May 17, 2016 Election

Councilor Mike Fleck said he had prepared the Resolution. He said he supported the measure and said he wasn't forcing Council to support the measure however if they did, the Resolution was a way to show that support.

Tammy Hodgkinson, 222 South M Street, Cottage Grove, said she was the Chair of the South Lane School District Board of Directors. She spoke in favor of the measure and said the Board was gratified to hear the support at the last meeting. She thanked the Council for having the Resolution to support the bond measure; it meant a lot to have the community support behind them.

Alan Bass, 34168 Scott Road, Cottage Grove, said he didn't live inside the City limited but was a member of the School Board. He spoke in favor of the adoption of the Resolution. He said he was impressed that the Council was willing to consider cooperative support for things going on in the town. He said they weren't just replacing a worn out school, they were doing a lot to reach towards the future.

Don Strahan, 1498 E. Main Street, Suite 103, Cottage Grove provided to Council a copy of a letter to the editor he submitted to The Sentinel Newspaper regarding the bond measure which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A". He spoke in favor of the bond measure and said he had

served on the planning and design committee. He spoke about safety and security. He said while the replacement of Harrison School was a major and significant need; he believed that safety and security elements that were built into the bond measure were paramount to avoid a Thurston High School or UCC incident. He encouraged the Council to get behind the bond measure by way of a Resolution.

Travis Palmer, 201 Pond Turtle Way, Cottage Grove, spoke as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and said the Chamber Board voted unanimously at their last Board Meeting to support the bond. He said the Board Chair, Joe Raade, was drafting a letter in support.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1901 BE ADOPTED.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Concerns from Council

Councilor Burback said he would also like the Council to discuss the SDC fees and why there wasn't more development in Cottage Grove.

Councilor Slay said she was holding another I.M.P.A.C.T. meeting on Thursday, April 7th in the Council Chambers at 6:30.

Discussion was held regarding not having a quorum of Council attending the meeting.

Councilor Roberts thanked Richard for explaining the condition of the bridge at Main Street and River Road on the Beeper Show on KNND this morning.

Mayor Munroe thanked Councilor Burback for the information he provided about people going through garbage and recycle cans.

Councilor Boone said March 31st was his last day at Apothecaria, that he was starting his own consulting business.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said in the Friday Update there was an article about the trash and it was noted that if someone is seen going through garbage, to call the Police Department.

Richard said Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 pm, the Blackberry Pie Society was hosting a “Meet Your Interim Police Chief and Sheriff at the Community Center.

Richard said last week he participated in a bike ride in Madras with the Scenic Bikeway Committee and spoke about his ride.

Richard said the Downtown Association, EBID and the Main Street Program were sponsoring a downtown clean-up day on Saturday, April 23rd.

Richard commented about the bridge on Main Street and River Road. He said it wasn't the bridge but the approach that was being undermined between the abutment and the bank. He said the City was measuring it every three days to see if anything changed. He said there weren't currently any restrictions and that the process and permitting could take a while.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

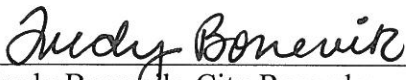
(a) Report from the City Attorney

City Attorney, Carrie Connelly, thanked the Council for having Lauren Sommers at the last Council meeting. She said if any of the Councilors had any ethic questions in the future to feel free to route them to Richard for answers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Munroe adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:46 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.


Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder


Thomas C. Munroe, Mayor

Letter to the Editor

On May 17, 2016 voters in South Lane School District can approve a bond measure that will replace Harrison School and update school facilities throughout the District. The primary goals of the bond measure, in addition to replacing Harrison School, are to improve safety and security at each school, update technology for student learning and safety, and extend the life of school facilities, including the swimming pool.

As a member of the Design Planning Committee, I have participated in the careful planning for how the bond funds will be used. Harrison School, built in 1948, is 68 years old and was designed for 125 students. Current enrollment is 419.

The safety and security needs are especially significant because the schools were built when there was no conception of someone attacking students and staff at a school. Law enforcement officials have determined there are a number of issues that need to be addressed to better protect students and staff. I'm confident no one wants a tragedy in our schools similar to what Umpqua Community College and Douglas County has endured.

Replacing leaky roofs, upgrading of plumbing and electrical systems, and replacing outdated heating and ventilation systems, along with much needed renovations to the pool, will extend our investment in our schools and in our children.

Myself and others have invested time and made personal financial contributions in an effort to educate the voters on the merits of this bond measure. Please join me in support of this much needed bond measure.

Don Strahan

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