

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
July 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gowing at 8:30 am.

Those in attendance virtually and in person: Mayor Gowing and Councilors Solesbee, Savage, Fleck, Ervin and Roberts.

Staff present virtually and in person: City Manager Richard Meyers, Assistant to the City Manager Jake Boone, City Recorder Mindy Roberts, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, Police Chief Scott Shepherd and Finance Director Roberta Likens

Items to Be Added to the Agenda

None

Public Hearing

None

Consent Agenda

- (a) Approval of June 13, 2022 City Council Minutes
- (b) Approval of June 24, 2022 Agenda Session Minutes

Resolutions and Ordinances

- (a) An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 8.40 Overnight Camping Program

City Manager Richard Meyers called attention to a redrafted Ordinance that was originally discussed at the past City Council Meeting. He said that duration and tent size provisions have been added, the definition of a vehicle and a family have been modified, and the 24 hour notice has been removed to allow more flexibility.

Mayor Gowing asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Councilor Ervin asked what provisions are in place for a nonprofit or church to host a pallet shelter.

City Manager replied that the approach to do a shelter would be through the Transitional Housing parameters established in State Law.

Councilor Ervin asked what the stipulations are.

City Manager replied the stipulations are basically to provide sanitary conditions and hygiene.

Councilor Ervin asked if there are management stipulations.

City Manager replied, not in the State law.

Mayor Gowing asked if there were any further questions.

Business from City Council

(a) Federally Qualified Health Clinic

City Manager Richard Meyers said that Eve Gray, Director of Lane County Public Health and Alicia Beemer will be attending to discuss Federally Qualified Health Clinics and answer questions from Council.

Mayor Gowing asked if there were any questions or concerns.

(b) Concerns from Council

Mayor Gowing said that he spent time last Friday talking to people in the neighborhood of the Nazarene Church. He said the people in the neighborhood have a misperception of what would happen at the property and he will not be able to support using it unless that changes. Mayor Gowing said a lot of time has been spent on the Homeless issues and Council needs to decide if they are going to do what the law requires or protect the parks.

Business from City Manager

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager Richard Meyers reminded Councilors that they need to be able to discuss the League of Oregon Cities Legislative priorities and which priorities they would like to suggest.

City Manager announced that Bohemia Mining Days starts next week. He said they have new staff, it will be held mostly at Coiner Park and the Ore Cart races will be held on 10th Street.

City Manager told Council that Team Botswana has arrived in Cottage Grove. He said the Chamber of Commerce is organizing a dinner for Monday night prior to the City Council meeting and the Councilors are invited to attend.

City Manager informed Council that Looking Glass tours are available before 10:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and after 5:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He said this would be an opportunity for them to learn more about Looking Glass and the services they provide.

City Manager reminded Council to turn in the number of hours they have spent on Council related items for the year.

City Manager informed Council that LTD is looking for applicants to be on the LTD Board of Directors and the position will be appointed by the Governor. He said if they are interested or know of anyone who might be interested to contact him or they can apply online.

Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart added that the applications need to be turned in next week.

Business from the City Attorney

(a) Measure 109 and Local Options

City Manager Richard Meyers informed Council that the City Attorney will be present at the meeting to discuss Measure 109. He said she will go over the regulations and steps necessary for Council to make a decision on how to proceed regarding the use and manufacture of psilocybin.

Councilor Solesbee asked what Treatment Centers can administer.

City Manager said the Ballot Measure indicates that the only way to access Psilocybin is through a Treatment Center. He said a Treatment Center is not a medical facility and anyone can create one.

Councilor Fleck asked a question regarding conflicting information in the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) information and the State Statute.

City Manager said the rules have not been adopted as of yet and the City Attorney will attend the meeting to help answer questions.

Councilor Fleck said that he would like the City to have the same expectations for Psilocybin that we have on Marijuana. He said if it does become a problem we could go back to the voters.

City Manager said it has to be in a General Election, so it would go to the voters in two years. He added that is why the City Attorney has a permanent ban or a moratorium for two years.

Councilor Fleck said it looks like it will be hugely regulated by the Oregon Health Authority and he does not see it becoming a problem for the City.

Mayor Gowing asked if there were any further questions or comments.

Mayor Gowing said that he forgot to mention his meeting with Serenity Lane. He said Serenity Lane does not have the staffing or funding to put a Treatment Center in Cottage Grove. He added that he learned with a one year internship, interested individuals could become a counselor.

(b) Report from City Attorney


Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Executive Session

(a) Executive Session Held Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to Deliberate with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Carry on Labor Negotiations

Mayor Jeff Gowing adjourned the meeting at 8:47 am.



Mindy Roberts, City Recorder



Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor