

**COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

City Recorder Mindy Roberts called the roll. The following were

PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS:	Mayor Gowing, Councilors Candace Solesbee, Chalice Savage, Mike Fleck, Greg Ervin and Kenneth Michael Roberts
PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING:	None
COUNCIL ABSENT:	Councilor Stinnett
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:	None
STAFF PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS:	City Manager Richard Meyers, Assistant to the City Manager Jake Boone, City Recorder Mindy Roberts, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, Interim Police Chief Jeff Groth and City Planner Eric Mongan
STAFF PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING:	Finance Director Roberta Likens
CITY ATTORNEY:	
MEDIA PRESENT:	Ryleigh Norgrove, The Chronicle

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Karen Munsell PO Box 174, Cottage Grove, Oregon said she is concerned about claims that were made by past employees involving Magnolia Gardens and asked for people in leadership to look into them.

Venice Mason 28 South 6th Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon spoke in favor of the City creating a homeless shelter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of July 18, 2022 Work Session Minutes
- (b) Approval of July 22, 2022 Agenda Session Minutes
- (c) Approval of July 25, 2022 City Council Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Gowing announced the motion with a second and called for discussion. Seeing none he called the vote.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X		X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- (a) Resolution Establishing a Freight/Loading Zone on South 17th Street Adjacent to McCoy's Pharmacy at 1645 E Main Street

City Planner Eric Mongan informed Council that a request was received from JDL Construction on behalf of McCoy's Pharmacy to create a loading zone on South 17th Street adjacent to McCoy's Pharmacy. He said a freight/loading parking space in the right of way would accommodate the daily commercial deliveries and would be in compliance with traffic standards

for the location. He said Staff recommendation is that Council consider the resolution establishing the new freight/loading zone.

Mayor Gowing announced that Mike Hankins from McCoy's Pharmacy is present if there are any questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR ERVIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2078.

Mayor Gowing announced the motion with a second and called for further discussion. Seeing none he called the vote.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X		X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Lane County Parks – Proposed Local Option Levy Presentaion

City Manager introduced Brett Henry, Lane County Parks Division Manager. He told Council that Brett Henry will present information regarding the Lane County proposed funding measure that the Lane County Board of Commissioners will be considering tomorrow after the Public Hearing.

Brett Henry presented to Council background information regarding the Lane County Parks funding proposal. He said it is a five year Local Option Levy at .16 cents per \$1000 of assessed property value. He added that the levy would generate 31 million dollars for the Lane County Parks System, if passed by the voters. He outlined the categories that would be funded by the levy including; Operations and Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, Conservation and Education, and Special Projects.

Brett Henry informed Council about four regional meetings that were held to better understand what park investments were important in each region. He said input was collected and incorporated into the Special Projects area of the proposed levy. He said at the Cottage Grove meeting, the four main areas of concern were the Covered Bridges, Baker Bay Park, Blue Mountain Park and the maintenance of the Row River Trail. He said Baker Bay was one of 11 locations chosen in the County to receive investments for Special Projects and he outlined the potential improvements that would take place. Brett Henry provided information as to how the

other areas of concern could potentially be improved by partnering with the County and other grant opportunities.

Councilor Ervin asked where Blue Mountain Park is located.

Brett Henry replied that it is out Mosby Creek Rd, off of Blue Mountain School Road.

Councilor Ervin asked what the boundaries are for the Bohemia Saddle and if it includes the structures.

Brett Henry replied that it is a remote location and there were signs at one point but they may not be in place any longer.

Councilor Roberts asked if there is any conversation about having a host at Blue Mountain Park.

Brett Henry replied that there is currently a host.

Mayor Gowing asked if there were any further questions.

(b) Urban Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee Appointment

City Planner Eric Mongan told Council that it is the duty of the Urban Forestry Committee to assist with the development and implementation of an Urban Forestry Management Plan. He said the Urban Forestry Committee is seeking volunteers to sit on an advisory committee to help develop this plan. He said the advisory committee would consist of representatives from City Council, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and the Urban Forestry Committee. He said Staff is requesting that two Councilors be appointed to the Urban Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee.

Councilor Savage asked what the commitment would be.

City Planner replied that it would be one meeting per month between now and next May. He said it would likely be 7 to 8 meetings and they would be held adjacent to the Urban Forestry Committee meeting.

Councilor Ervin and Savage volunteered to be on the Advisory Committee.

(c) Concerns from Council

Councilor Fleck addressed previous comments made regarding Magnolia Gardens. He said that his mother-in-law is a resident at Magnolia Gardens and he feels that she is in good care. He added that people should use caution when making statements and make certain there is evidence supporting the statements.

Councilor Ervin expressed interest in learning more about the operations of the reservoir spillways and dams.

Mayor Gowing said that he spoke to Christie Johnson. He said that he can provide her phone number and she is willing to do a presentation to Council.

Councilor Ervin informed Council about a recent Economic Committee meeting that he attended. He said that Travel Lance County was present and gave a brief update following the World Athletic Championships.

Councilor Solesbee read a message that she received from the Eugene Police Department regarding an arrest that was made. She said the person arrested is a daytime burglar and was researching Cottage Grove City Councilors.

Councilor Ervin said that his rental house was burglarized this week.

Mayor Gowing said at next week's meeting a decision needs to be made if Council is going to do something or do nothing regarding Homelessness. He said there needs to be Council consensus to not have public input at the meeting since it is only one hour long.

Councilor Ervin asked if public comment could be submitted in writing ahead of time.

Mayor Gowing replied yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ROBERTS TO NOT ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE AUGUST 15, 2022 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING.

Mayor Gowing announced the motion with a second and called for further discussion. Seeing none he called the vote.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X		X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Mayor Gowing told Council that he was contacted by Ernie Olson and said that he would like to create a Jurassic park theme in the grass area between the sidewalk and the tennis courts.

City Manager told Mayor Gowing to get in contact with Public Works and Development Director.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager Richard Meyers told Council that the raffle prize drawings from the Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held at tonight's Council meeting.

City Planner Eric Mongan gave an update regarding the attendance and successes of Party in the Park and the Emergency Preparedness Fair. Mayor Gowing assisted the City Planner with the drawings for the 13 grand prize winners.

City Manager updated Council regarding Team Botswana and shared that Letsile TEBOGO broke the World Record for the under 20 group while recently competing in Columbia. He displayed for Council a framed jersey that was signed by each of the team members. He said the jersey was left for the City and community members and will be hung in the Council Chambers to commemorate their time here. He added that Team Botswana appreciated all that was done to make them feel welcome and is considering other opportunities to come back to Cottage Grove.

City Manager reminded Council that ODOT has started the Urban Upgrades project on Hwy 99 and that people should expect delays.

City Manager introduced and welcomed Interim Police Chief Jeff Groth.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

(a) Report from City Attorney

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Gowing adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:52 pm.

A City Council Special Meeting will be held August 15, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held August 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor