



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Regular Meeting

Molalla Adult Community Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
January 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 7:06pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Keith Swigart – Present
Councilor Elizabeth Klein – Present
Councilor Leota Childress – Present
Councilor DeLise Palumbo – Present
Councilor Terry Shankle – Absent
Councilor Jody Newland - Present
Councilor Crystal Robles - Present
Student Liaison Natalee Litchfield -Present (arrived at 7:14pm)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager - Present
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder - Present
Gerald Fisher, Public Works Director - Present
Chaunee Seifried, Finance Director - Present
Alice Cannon, Planning Director - Present

2. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Appoint Council President
- B. Appoint Council Liasons (Chamber of Commerce, Library Board)

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to appoint Councilor Childress as the new Council President. Seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to appoint Councilor Robles as the Chamber of Commerce liason. Seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Klein to appoint Councilor Newland as the Library Board liason. Seconded by Councilor Robles. Vote passed 6-0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(This section allows the City Council to consider routine items that require no discussion and can be approved in one comprehensive motion. An item may only be discussed if it is pulled from the consent agenda.)

- A. Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

A request was made by Mayor Swigart to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with one motion. All Councilors agreed to the request. A motion was made by Councilor Newland to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-01: An Ordinance Annexing 15. 52 Acres Located at the Southwest Corner of OR211/OR213 and Assigning a C-2 City Zoning Designation to the Annexed Territory

Planning Director Cannon made a presentation to Council explaining where the property is, zoning information and Transportation Planning Rule. The annexation is in compliance with all requirements. (Exhibit A – Power Point)

Mayor Swigart asked if there had been any correspondence on this matter other than items included in agenda materials. Director Cannon stated that there was a letter from Ms. Susan Hansen that is available in the Planning Commission packet regarding this Annexation.

Mayor Swigart invited members of the public to give testimony in favor of the annexation. Applicant, **Lyle Stratton, Stratton Innovations, LLC.** represents owners of the property. Mr. Stratton shared some history on the property and owners. He stated that the family has agreed that it is time to sell.

Mayor Swigart asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition? There were none.

Mayor Swigart asked the public if anyone would like to provide testimony that is neither in support or in opposition to the proposal? There were none. As there was no further testimony, Mayor Swigart continued.

City Staff had nothing to comment.

Seeing that there were no further questions or comments, Mayor Swigart closed the public hearing at 7:29pm.

Council had a brief deliberation conversation with concerns to zoning. Mayor Swigart was concerned the property would become residential. City Manager Huff explained that the City still has input in regards to developing the property.

A motion was made by Councilor Childress to approve Ordinance 2020-01 by title only, seconded by Councilor Newland. Vote passes with all Councilors voting aye. Vote 6-0.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 2020-01: A Resolution Appointing City Manager as Budget Officer for FY 2020-2021
B. Budget Calendar: Fiscal Year 2020-2021

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to approve Resolution 2020-01 by title only, seconded by Councilor Robles. Vote passed 6-0.

The Budget Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Molalla Adult Community Center, 315 Kennel Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilor Childress to approve the Budget Committee Meeting calendar, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the City Recorder.)

Lynn Harrington, 903 S. View Drive, Molalla. Ms. Harrington is frustrated with the foul odor that is coming from the CHTC Hemp Plant. She made contact with the USA Hemp Plant located in Colton, OR. Their response to her was "The hemp plant does not normally stink if dried within 24-48 hours of being harvested. The problem is that they are drying the plants that were cut fresh in the field and left to ferment, and were dried 2-6 months after the harvested. The result of this is a very bad odor that you are experiencing. Since the industry is so new, there are not a lot of

regulations on how farmers need to dry and store their material, but this may be beneficial for you to bring up at a City Council meeting to make sure that you preserve the quality of life in Molalla. We agree completely that we shouldn't be forced to live with putrid smells."

Ms. Harrington has also called DEQ, Department of Agriculture, Clackamas County Planning Division.

Planning Director Cannon updated Council regarding this issue. There have been a number of complaints, so many that logs have been distributed to people that have experienced a putrid smell. In November, CHTC was given notice that they are in violaton. There is a Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 for this violaton. Members of the community are invited to attend the meeting and share testimony. Fines for offenses can be in excess of \$500 per day.

Student Liason Litchfield is involved with the FFA Club at Molalla High School. A conference she attended recently about the strong odor of hemp, shows that hemp is potent enough to taint other crops.

Ms. Cannon reiterated the need for community involvement in this issue.

Lyle Stratton, Stratton Innovations, LLC. Mr. Stratton shared with Council that he has been in real estate and development for 33 years. He told Council that his work with Mr. Fisher and Ms. Cannon has been one of the most positive experiences that he's had when working with Cities and Counties. He feels they are extremely professional, and that our City is being well represented by both of these employees. Councilors acknowledged and appreciates the hard work of both.

8. REPORTS

A. City Manager and Staff

Planning Director Cannon – Nothing to report.

Finance Director Seifried – Nothing to report.

Public Works Director Fisher – Reported that procedures and changes that have been made to the Wastewater Treatment Plant shows a \$67,000 savings for this year, and a potential savings of \$150,000 the following year. This is due to saving on Vitamin C. This is close to a seventy five percent savings in the Operations and Maintenance Budget.

Work on Fenton Avenue is being completed by the Public Works Crew. They are pushing over one hundred tons of asphalt in an effort to finish the project. This is uncommon for this time of year, as it is difficult to manipulate the asphalt.

City Recorder DeSantis – Reminded Council of two upcoming events that require an RSVP: The CCA Dinner that will be held in Canby on January 23, 2020 and the Chamber of Commerce Masquerade Ball, on January 25, 2020.

City Manager Huff – Handed out the Molalla Area Visioning Plan and asked Council to read through it before the Goal Setting Conference on January 25th.

B. Mayor

Mayor Swigart spent the day at the DPSST Training for elected officials. He had a very good experience. The only complaint is that he wished the class would have been longer, as he felt there was a lot of good information.

C. City Councilors

Councilor Klein wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Klein is honored to have been Council President for the past several years and feels it is fitting for Councilor Childress to be named the new Council President. She wished her well. Ms. Klein is excited to share the Molalla Area Vision Plan with everyone. She's excited about the potential for the community.

Councilor Childress is excited about the opportunity to serve as Council President this year. She appreciates everyone's vote of confidence. Ms. Childress is excited about the Vision Plan being released, as well as the great activity going on it town. We have several new businesses that are adding to the downtown area.

The Warming Center is serving between 12-20 patrons per night. Volunteers are still needed.

Councilor Palumbo – Nothing to report.

Councilor Newland reminded the community that the annual SHARE THE LOVE event is starting now. She encouraged people to get involved or contribute anyway possible.

Councilor Robles – Nothing to report.

Student Liason Litchfield gave a Molalla High School report. She stated that the Shoe Drive was a success. Basketball is underway and Second Trimester has begun. MHS students are petitioning for a trial of Open Campus. Ms. Litchfield polled Councilors for their opinion of whether campus should be closed or not. Councilors were open to the idea, however, there are concerns about Open Campus and a thirty-minute lunch.

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn at 8:23pm was made by Councilor Klein, seconded by Councilor Childress. Vote passed 6-0.


Keith Swigart, Mayor

1-22-2020
Date

ATTEST: 
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder